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Alligator Snapping Turtle

Macrochelys temminckii

The Alligator Snapping Turtle is the largest freshwater turtle species in North America, known for its massive, rugged shell and powerful jaws. It features a distinctive, spiked shell and a worm-like...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Chelydridae

Habitat: Slow-moving freshwater rivers, lakes, swamps, and bayous

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Vulnerable

Lifespan: 20-70 years

Weight: 35–70 kg (77–154 lbs), with some individuals exceeding 100 kg (220 lbs)

Scientific name: *Macrochelys temminckii*

Did you know?

- Despite their fearsome appearance and power, alligator snapping turtles are primarily sit-and-wait predators that conserve energy by remaining motion...
- Alligator Snapping Turtles use a pink, worm-like lure on their tongue to attract fish. They rarely leave the water except to nest. Their bite is one ...

What I learned
