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## Atlantic Horseshoe Crab

*Limulus polyphemus*

The Atlantic horseshoe crab is a marine arthropod known for its hard, dome-shaped carapace and long, pointed tail spine called a telson. Despite their name, horseshoe crabs are more closely related t...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Limulidae

**Habitat:** Shallow coastal waters, estuaries, and tidal flats

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Vulnerable

**Lifespan:** 20-40 years

**Weight:** 1.5–4 kg

**Scientific name:** *Limulus polyphemus*

### Did you know?

- Atlantic horseshoe crab blood is so valuable to the medical industry that a quart can be worth thousands of dollars.
- Horseshoe crabs have ten eyes distributed across their body, allowing them to sense light and movement. Their blue blood contains a unique substance,...

### What I learned

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