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## Central American River Turtle

*Dermatemys mawii*

The Central American River Turtle, also known as 'hickatee,' is an aquatic turtle native to the freshwater rivers and lagoons of Central America. This species has a large, smooth, olive to brown cara...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Reptile

**Family:** Dermatemydidae

**Habitat:** Freshwater rivers and lagoons

**Diet:** Herbivore

**Conservation status:** Critically Endangered

**Lifespan:** 20-30 years

**Weight:** 8-15 kg

**Scientific name:** *Dermatemys mawii*

### Did you know?

- Despite being able to grow quite large, the Central American River Turtle is almost never seen basking in the sun, preferring a fully aquatic life.
- The Central American River Turtle is the only living species in its family, making it evolutionarily unique. It can stay underwater for hours due to ...

### What I learned

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