

Animal Fact Sheet

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Common Map Turtle

Graptemys geographica

The Common Map Turtle is a medium-sized freshwater turtle native to North America, easily recognized by the intricate, map-like yellow lines on its olive to brown carapace. Females are significantly ...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Emydidae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers and lakes

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 15-20 years

Weight: 0.5-2.5 kg

Scientific name: *Graptemys geographica*

Did you know?

- Unlike many turtles, Common Map Turtles seldom travel far from water and are almost exclusively aquatic, only coming ashore to bask or nest.
- Common Map Turtles are named for the map-like patterns on their shells, which can fade with age. Females possess broader heads and stronger jaws, ena...

What I learned
