CREATURE ATLAS

Animal Fact Sheet

Name: _____ Date: _____



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

© Creature Atlas · www.creatureatlas.com · Free for classroom & personal use