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Animal Fact Sheet

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Eastern Box Turtle

Terrapene carolina carolina

Terrapene carolina carries a door. Its plastron, the underside of the shell, has a hinge across the middle that lets the front and rear halves fold up against the carapace and seal the animal in comp…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Emydidae
Habitat: Deciduous and mixed forests, meadows, and moist grasslands
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 30-40 years (up to 100 years in rare cases)
Weight: 400–900 grams
Scientific name: Terrapene carolina carolina

Did you know?

- Eastern Box Turtles can survive with severe injuries, including broken shells, thanks to their slow metabolism and remarkable healing abilities.
- Sex is determined by the temperature at which the eggs incubate rather than by chromosomes, so a warming climate can skew whole cohorts one way. Adul…

What I learned

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