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Eastern Box Turtle

Terrapene carolina carolina

The Eastern Box Turtle is a small, terrestrial turtle native to the eastern United States, recognized for its domed, hinged shell that allows it to completely close itself inside for protection. Its ...

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.
- Eastern Box Turtles have a unique hinged plastron, allowing them to completely close their shell. They have remarkable homing instincts and often att...

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