

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Ornate Box Turtle

*Terrapene ornata*

The Ornate Box Turtle is a small, terrestrial turtle native to the central United States, easily recognized by its domed shell adorned with yellow lines radiating from the center of each dark brown s...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Reptile

**Family:** Emydidae

**Habitat:** Grasslands and prairies

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Near Threatened

**Lifespan:** 30-40 years

**Weight:** 200-450 grams

**Scientific name:** *Terrapene ornata*

### Did you know?

- Ornate Box Turtles can survive periods of drought by burrowing underground and entering a state of dormancy called estivation.
- Ornate Box Turtles can completely close their shell to protect themselves from predators. Unlike many other turtles, they are quite terrestrial and r...

### What I learned

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