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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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