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Animal Fact Sheet

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Painted Turtle

Chrysemys picta

Chrysemys picta is the most widespread native turtle in North America, and its hatchlings do something no other turtle in the region can: they stay in the nest chamber through their first winter, onl…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Emydidae
Habitat: Freshwater ponds, lakes, and marshes
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 20-40 years
Weight: 300-500 grams
Scientific name: Chrysemys picta

Did you know?

- Painted Turtle hatchlings can survive winter in frozen mud, enduring body temperatures below freezing without lasting harm.
- Painted turtles supplement pond breathing in winter by taking up small amounts of oxygen across the skin and the lining of the cloaca, but under ice …

What I learned

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