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Snapping Turtle

Chelydra serpentina

The snapping turtle is a large freshwater turtle native to North America, known for its powerful beak-like jaws and aggressive disposition when threatened. It has a rugged, ridged shell and a long, m...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Chelydridae

Habitat: Freshwater ponds, lakes, marshes, and slow-moving rivers

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 30-45 years in the wild

Weight: 4.5-16 kg (10-35 lbs)

Scientific name: *Chelydra serpentina*

Did you know?

- Snapping turtles can breathe through their skin and the lining of their throat, allowing them to stay submerged for extended periods.
- Snapping turtles rarely bask in the sun like other turtles, preferring to stay submerged. They have incredibly strong jaws capable of delivering a pa...

What I learned
