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Animal Fact Sheet

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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

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