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Animal Fact Sheet

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Western Painted Turtle

Chrysemys picta bellii

The Western Painted Turtle is the largest subspecies of the painted turtle, recognized by its smooth, olive to black carapace adorned with red and yellow markings along the edges. Native to western N…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Emydidae
Habitat: Freshwater ponds, lakes, marshes, and slow-moving rivers with soft, muddy bottoms and abundant vegetation.
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 20-40 years
Weight: 300-600 grams
Scientific name: Chrysemys picta bellii

Did you know?

- Despite being cold-blooded, Western Painted Turtles can remain active at lower temperatures than many other reptiles, even swimming under ice.
- Western Painted Turtles can survive for months under ice in cold northern climates by slowing their metabolism and absorbing oxygen through their ski…

What I learned

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