

# 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 skin.

### What I learned

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