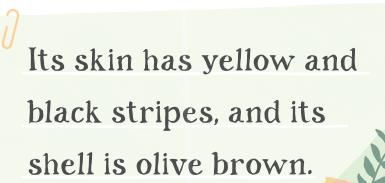






Red-eared sliders can be spotted by the red patches near their ears.





Ditches, ponds, rivers, and small lakes are all habitats this turtle calls home.



These turtles are named "slider" because they like to slide off rocks and logs into water.

Red-eared Slider

These turtles like to sleep underwater, on the bottom or floating near the top.



A red-eared slider can live from 10 to 20 years.





In the winter they keep warm in cliffs by the river or by burying themselves in mud.

These turtles can mainly be found in the wild, but they were sold as house pets for many years.



Alligator Snapping Turtle

Alligator snapping turtles have large heads and shells full of big spiky

scales.

The adults have brown shells with spots that are yellowish brown.



The alligator snapping turtle likes to eat a mix of small fish, insects, frogs, snails, and plants.



These turtles live deep underwater. They do not like to spend their days in the sunshine.

Alligator Snapping Turtle

Females lay eggs with white shells. They can lay 9 to 61 eggs at a time!



Alligator snapping turtles can grow to more than 250 pounds.



This turtle catches fish by moving only its tongue, wiggling it like a worm.

This type of turtle is declining in some states, so they cannot be collected from the wild.



The ornate box turtle is small and lives on land in its dome-shaped shell.

They have grayish brown skin with light yellow spots.

These turtles live in habitats like grassland fields, open woodlands, and rocky glades.



Ornate box turtles enjoy eating strawberries, earthworms, and insects like crickets, grasshoppers, and beetles.

Ornate Box Turtle

This turtle creates small nests, 1 to 3 inches deep, and can lay 2 to 8 eggs.



The females have yellow brown eyes, and the males have red eyes.



These turtles stay warm in the winter by digging into the soil and fallen leaves.

Ornate box
turtles can live
for 30 years,
but some have
lived as long as
50 years!

