

# RECORD OBSERVATIONS

If you observe a Wood Turtle, please record your observation on iNaturalist (a citizen science platform) by providing the following information:

📍 **Location**

📷 **Photo**

Recording your observations on iNaturalist (using the app or website) helps organizations like ours monitor Wood Turtle populations in the region and better focus our conservation efforts!



🇨🇦 If you encounter an injured Wood Turtle, please get in touch with the nearest **New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources** office for assistance.

# CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about Wood Turtles or related project work, please do not hesitate to reach out:

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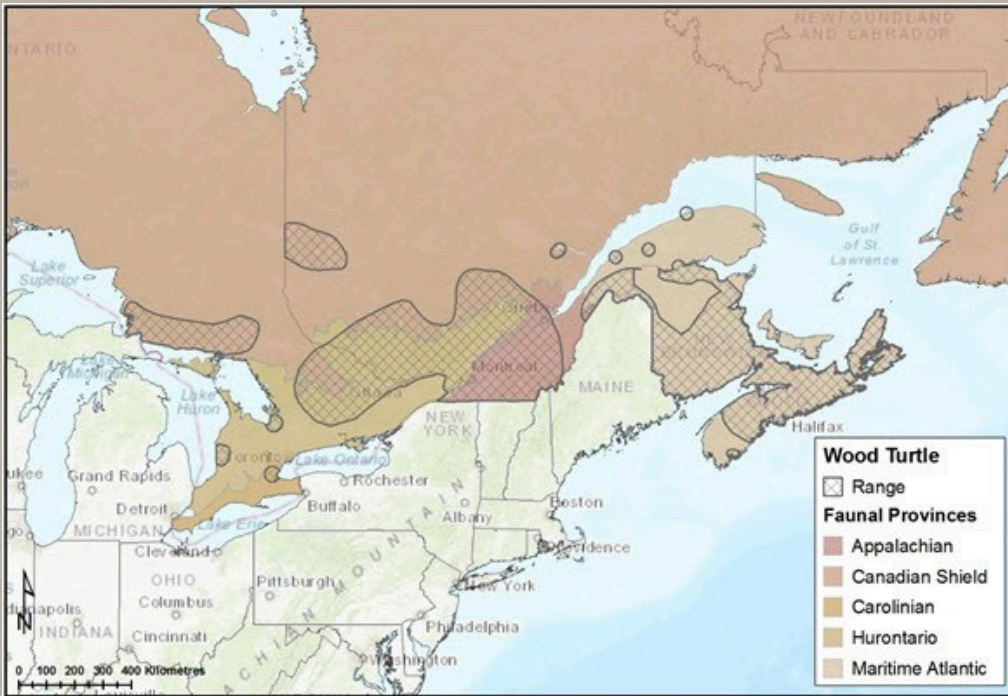
# WOOD TURTLE

*(Glyptemys insculpta)*

Thank you to our funders:



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Wood Turtle distribution within Canada (Map: Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada, 2018)



## WOOD TURTLE IDENTIFICATION

Look for the following features:

- 1 Greyish-brown top shell with wood grain-like pattern.
- 2 Brown skin with yellow, orange, or red along the neck and legs.
- 3 Yellow bottom shell with black blotches.

## OVERVIEW

Wood Turtles are medium-sized turtles that live in eastern North America.

**Life span:** > 50 years.

**Diet:** primarily plant-based.

**Habitat:** winding freshwater rivers and streams with a good current and sand or gravel bottoms.

**Nesting period:** late May to mid-June (sand or gravel-sand beaches or stream banks that get good sun exposure).

**Hatching period:** late August to early October.

**Hibernation period:** October to April (underwater in deep pools of flowing rivers and streams that do not freeze to the bottom).

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Wood Turtles are listed as a threatened species under the federal and provincial (NB) *Species at Risk Acts* due to population declines. The main threats to Wood Turtles include collisions with vehicles and farming equipment. Since these turtles are long-lived and require ~14 years to reach sexual maturity, it is crucial to protect adults from threats for the overall survival of this species.

**Threatened species-** wildlife likely to face extinction or local disappearance unless active steps are taken to address the threats against them.

## Wood Turtle hatchling

