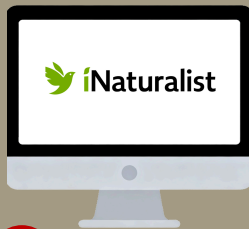


RECORD OBSERVATIONS

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

- 📷 **Photos**
- 📍 **Location**

iNaturalist will automatically obscure exact coordinates to protect Wood Turtles from human threats. Reporting your sightings helps organizations like the KWRC monitor local populations to 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)

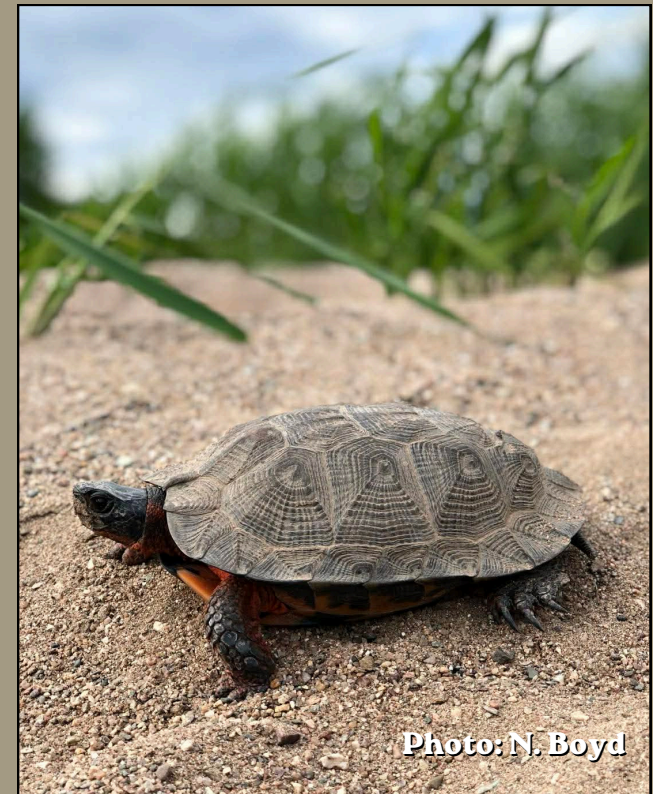
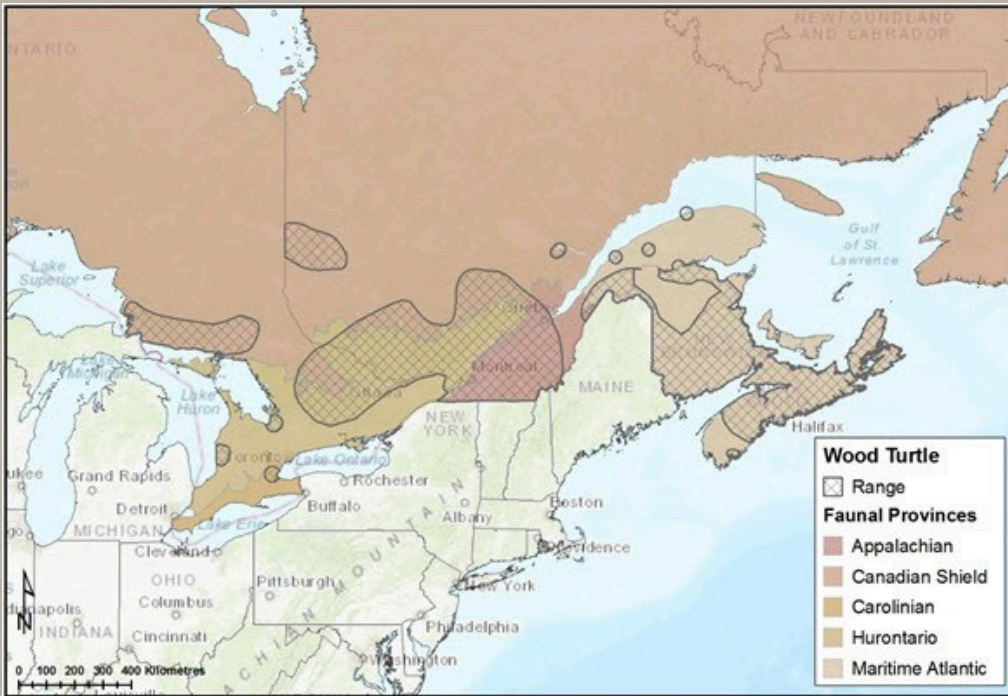


Photo: N. Boyd



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

