



## Painted Turtle

**General Description:** Most common turtle in the region.

**Color:** Carapace (top shell) ranges from black to dark olive green. Plastron (bottom shell) varies from red to orange with black patterning. Head and legs are black with yellow stripes.

**Length:** 7 –10 inches

**Weight:** .5—1.5 pounds

**Habitat:** Waters with soft bottoms and basking sites.

**Food:** Aquatic vegetation, algae, insects, crustaceans, and fish.

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