



## Spiny Softshell Turtle

**General Description:** Round leathery shell. Leading edge of carapace (upper shell) has enlarged points called tubercles.

**Color:** Olive-green. Females are blotched and males are uniformly colored with dark spots.

**Length:** 9 - 19 inches.

**Weight:** .5 to 25 pounds.

**Habitat:** Prefer waters with sandy bottoms and clean sandy banks.

**Food:** Invertebrates, fish, algae, plant material, and mussels.