

# Ontario Turtle Facts

Turtles are **Cold-blooded** reptiles that live in a variety of habitats including wetlands, lakes, rivers and woodlands

Turtles hibernate in the winter, burrowing into mud at the bottom of a waterbody where they slow down their metabolism and wait for **spring**.

Turtles have existed for **300 Million Years!**

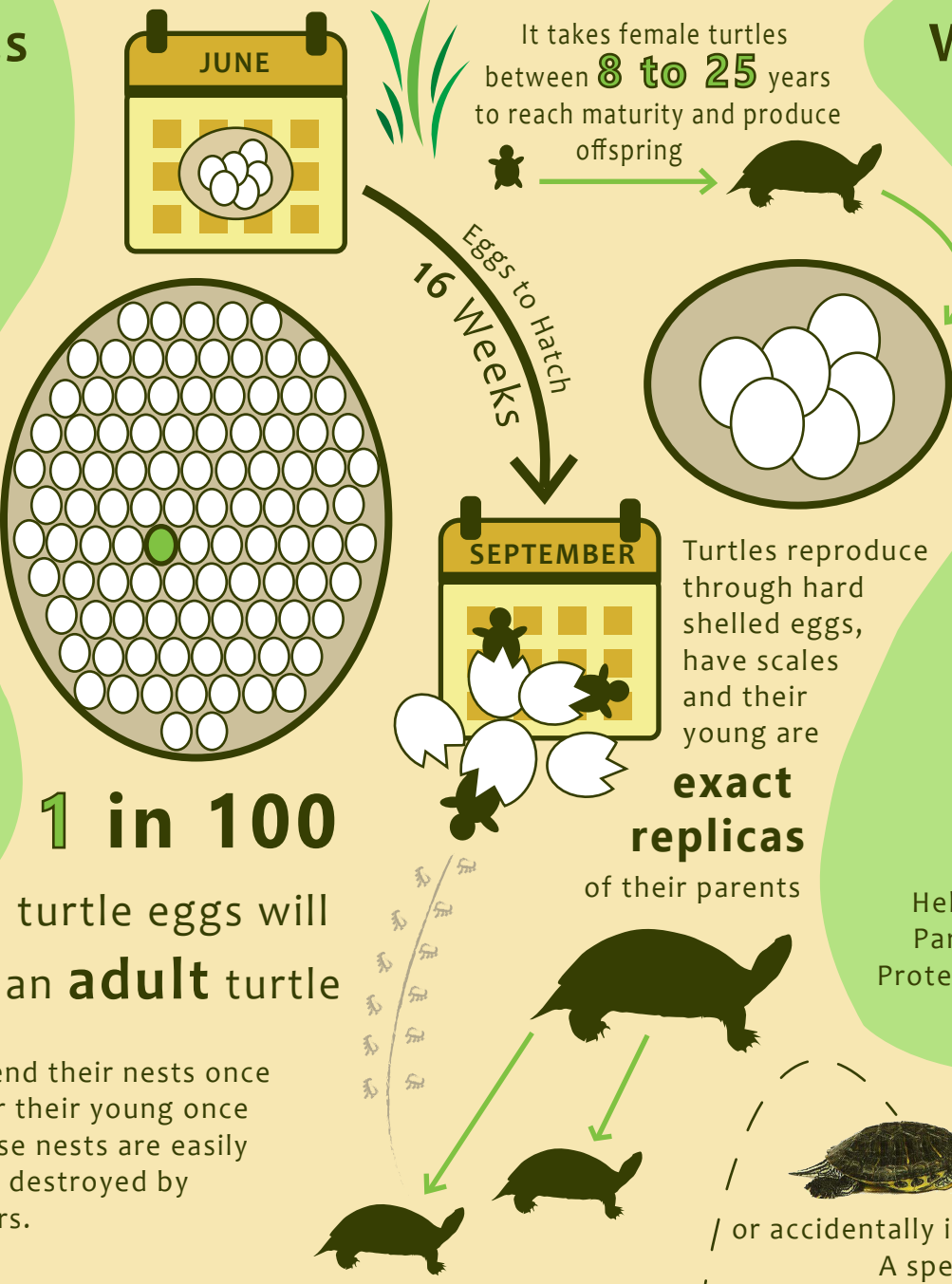
7 of 8 native turtle species in Ontario are **AT RISK**

**ROADS** are the single biggest threat to turtle survival

There is nowhere in Southern Ontario that you can travel more than **1.5 kilometres** without crossing a road. Mature females are the most impacted as they often cross roads to get to their nesting sites

## Deadly Threats

- Food Consumption Hunting
- Human Settlement
- Pollution
- Roads**
- Predators
- Illegal Pet Trade
- Invasive Species

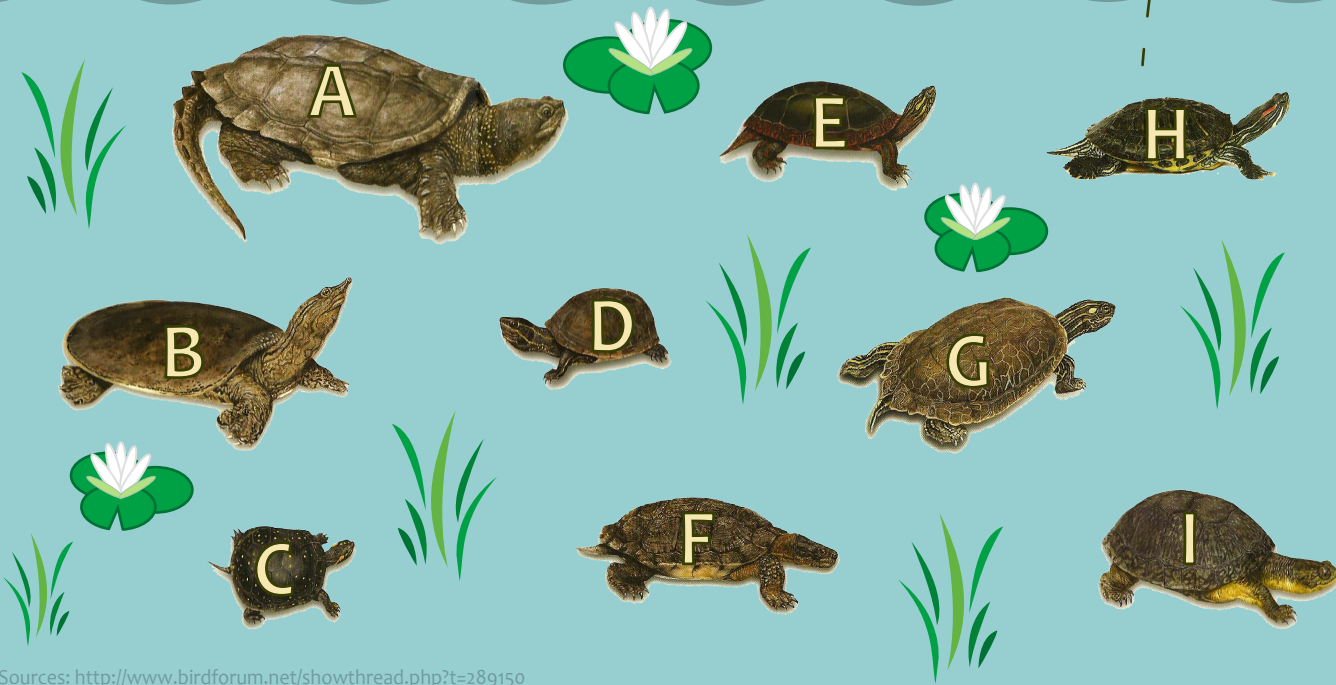


## What Can YOU Do?

- Report Turtle Sightings
- Help with Turtle Rehabilitation
- Place Turtle Nesting Protection Structures
- Habitat Rehabilitation
- Monitor Known Nesting Sites
- Donate to Turtle Conservation
- Lobby Municipality for Turtle Crossing & Nesting Signage
- Help Turtle Hatchlings Reach Home
- Participate in a Sanctioned Nesting Protection Project in your Community

## Non-Native

The Red-Eared Slider Turtle  
When a species has been intentionally or accidentally introduced to an environment by humans. A species living outside its native environment.



## Name That Turtle!

Match the Turtle to it's Name

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Red-Eared Slider Turtle | 6. Northern Map Turtle    |
| 2. Midland Painted Turtle  | 7. Spiny Softshell Turtle |
| 3. Spotted Turtle          | 8. Wood Turtle            |
| 4. Snapping Turtle         | 9. Blanding's Turtle      |
| 5. Stinkpot (Musk) Turtle  |                           |