

Meet Some of Canada's Freshwater Turtle Species!



Snapping Turtle



Blanding's Turtle



Map Turtle



Painted Turtle

- *Chelydra serpentina*
- Canada's largest freshwater turtle species
- Ontario's most prehistoric-looking turtle species
- Have a long tail with triangular spikes along the top, reminiscent of those on a stegosaurus!

- *Emydoidea blandingii*
- Ontario's only turtle species that has a bright yellow chin and throat
- Makes the largest overland movement of any Ontario turtle species
- Individuals can live for over 75 years!

- *Graptemys geographica*
- Have an intricate pattern of bright yellow lines on their head and legs
- Require high-quality water that supports the female's favourite meal - molluscs!
- Females grow much larger than males

- *Chrysemys picta marginata*
- Named for their bright coloured underside
- Often bask on shorelines or rocks and logs that protrude from the water
- You can count the rings on their shell to see their age, just like a tree!