



Checklist of Turtles Historically Encountered In Coastal North Carolina

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| Suborder | Family | Common Name | Scientific Name | Conservation Status |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Testudines | Cheloniidae | loggerhead | <i>Caretta caretta</i> | Threatened |
| | | green turtle | <i>Chelonia mydas</i> | Threatened |
| | | hawksbill | <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> | Endangered |
| | | Kemp's ridley | <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> | Endangered |
| | Dermochelyidae | leatherback | <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> | Endangered |
| | Chelydridae | common snapping turtle | <i>Chelydra serpentina</i> | |
| | Emydidae | eastern painted turtle | <i>Chrysemys picta</i> | |
| | | spotted turtle | <i>Clemmys guttata</i> | |
| | | eastern chicken turtle | <i>Deirochelys reticularia</i> | Special concern |
| | | diamondback terrapin | <i>Malaclemys terrapin</i> | |
| river cooter | | <i>Pseudemys concinna</i> | | |
| redbelly turtle | | <i>Pseudemys rubriventris</i> | | |
| eastern box turtle | | <i>Terrapene carolina</i> | | |
| yellowbelly slider | <i>Trachemys scripta</i> | | | |
| Kinosternidae | striped mud turtle | <i>Kinosternon baurii</i> | | |
| | eastern mud turtle | <i>Kinosternon subrubrum</i> | | |
| | common musk turtle | <i>Sternotherus odoratus</i> | | |
| Trionychidae | spiny softshell | <i>Apalone spinifera</i> | Special concern | |

NOTE: This checklist was compiled and updated from several sources, both in the scientific and popular literature. For scientific names, we have relied on: Turtle Taxonomy Working Group [van Dijk, P.P., Iverson, J.B., Rhodin, A.G.J., Shaffer, H.B., and Bour, R.]. 2014. Turtles of the world, 7th edition: annotated checklist of taxonomy, synonymy, distribution with maps, and conservation status. In: Rhodin, A.G.J., Pritchard, P.C.H., van Dijk, P.P., Saumure, R.A., Buhlmann, K.A., Iverson, J.B., and Mittermeier, R.A. (Eds.). *Conservation Biology of Freshwater Turtles and Tortoises: A Compilation Project of the IUCN/SSC Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group*. Chelonian Research Monographs 5(7):000.329–479, doi:10.3854/crm.5.000.checklist.v7.2014; The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2015-4. <www.iucnredlist.org>.

Size Comparisons

of sea turtles found in North Carolina Waters

(straight carapace lengths given)

