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Native Box Turtles

Wildlife Wednesday “Pre-Visit” Questions

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Vocabulary

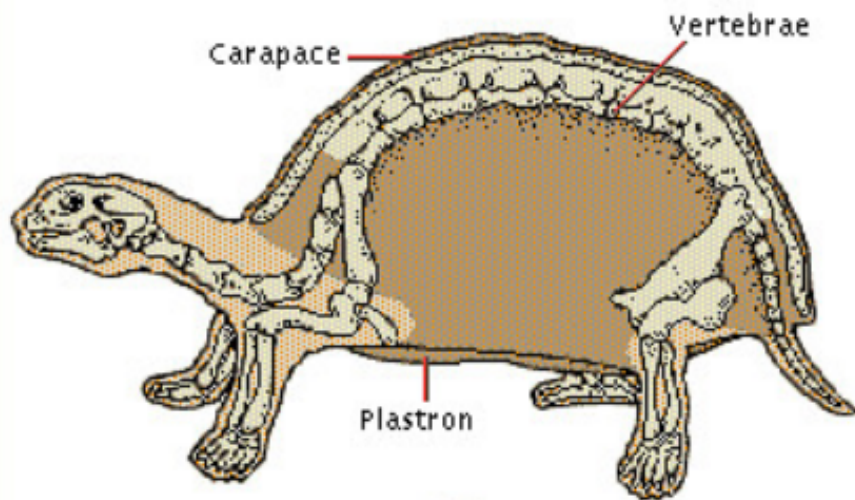
Camouflage is the coloration, pattern, or markings to disguise or blend into surroundings.

The shell of a turtle is covered in specialized scales called scutes, which are made of **keratin**.

A **native** plant or animal that has evolved to live in its specific habitat range.

A **non-native** plant or animal is living outside of its normal habitat range.

Box Turtle Anatomy



Explain in one or two sentences why you think these animals are called “box turtles.” What do you notice about turtle’s bone structure?

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Can a turtle leave its shell throughout its lifetime? Explain your reasoning.

Adult Box Turtles are *omnivores*. What type of food do omnivores eat?

Box Turtles are *opportunistic* feeders. What do you think that means?

Oxbow has two 3-Toed Box Turtles and one Ornate Box Turtle. If each turtle eats 5 grams of food per day and these turtles live in the same exhibit, how many grams of salad do they eat per week?

Do you think a turtle has teeth? Why or why not?

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