

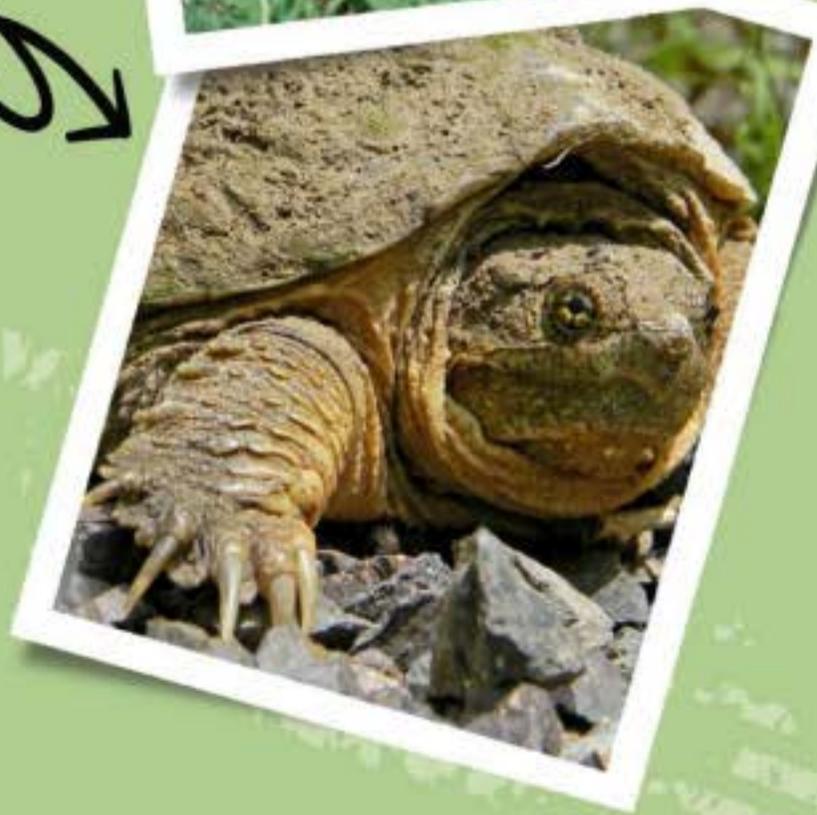
Turtle Stewardship On Campus

Turtles play a crucial role in maintaining healthy ecosystems that are on our campus which contribute to nutrient cycling and provide a balanced environment. Turtles are culturally relevant, they are clan animals and we are stewards of the land.

Types of Turtles on Campus:

- **Water Turtles:** Description: Webbed feet, long claws, beaks, brown to black shell with possible yellow markings
- **Land Turtles:** Description: Terrestrial habitats/dry environments, clawed feet, dome-shaped shells, and have earthy colors like brown, black, and olive with yellow or orange patterns and striped or spotted skin.
- **Snapping Turtles:** (We haven't seen any on campus but it is good to know how to identify them.) Description: They are usually found in freshwater habitats. Known to have large and rugged shells with serrated edges. They have hooked jaws and long tails. Their feet are webbed with sharp claws and are typically brown or black.

What to do if you find a Turtle: Move slowly in the direction they are heading, away from roads. For water turtles, help them cross safely or move to the nearest body of water. **DO NOT** handle snapping turtles. If necessary, guide away with an object, but avoid contact.



Helping Injured Turtles:

Steps to Follow:

- Approach the turtle cautiously to avoid causing further stress or injury
- Carefully pick the turtle using both hands, supporting the shell
- Place in a ventilated box with soft padding and keep the box in a quiet, shaded area away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- Contact the closest local wildlife centers or the Environmental Science Club for assistance.
- Wash hands after handling

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