

FILL OUT THE REPORT BELOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO:

- ◆ DOCUMENT A TURTLE ROAD-CROSSING MORTALITY OR NON-MORTALITY
- ◆ INFORM THE WDNR OF ANY TURTLE OBSERVATIONS

NAME _____

E-MAIL _____

PHONE _____

OBSERVATION DATE _____

OBSERVATION COUNTY _____

LOCATION DESCRIPTION _____

TURTLE OBSERVATION (CIRCLE ONE):

ROAD CROSSING MORTALITY
GENERAL TURTLE SIGHTING
TURTLE NESTING LOCATION

SPECIES NAME OR DESCRIPTION _____

SURROUNDING HABITAT _____

GPS (OPTIONAL) _____

MAIL TO:
WISCONSIN TURTLE CONSERVATION PROGRAM
BUREAU OF ENDANGERED RESOURCES
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
P.O. BOX 7921
MADISON, WI 53707-7921

OR SEND EMAIL TO: DNRHERPTILES@WISCONSIN.GOV

HOW YOU CAN HELP

◆ REPORT TURTLE MORTALITIES AND OBSERVATIONS BY FILLING OUT THE FORM IN THIS BROCHURE

◆ HELP TURTLES CROSS ROADS BY PUTTING THEM ON THE SIDE THEY ARE FACING AND WALKING TOWARDS

◆ DON'T REMOVE TURTLES FROM THE WILD

◆ IF YOU BUY A TURTLE, MAKE SURE IT COMES FROM A REPUTABLE STORE OR BREEDER AND THAT IT IS NOT WILD CAUGHT

◆ DON'T RELEASE PET TURTLES INTO THE WILD, FIND A NEW OWNER INSTEAD

◆ SUPPORT TURTLE HABITAT PROTECTION EFFORTS SUCH AS WETLAND RESTORATIONS

◆ DON'T PURCHASE SOUVENIRS MADE FROM REAL TURTLES (SHELLS, ETC.)

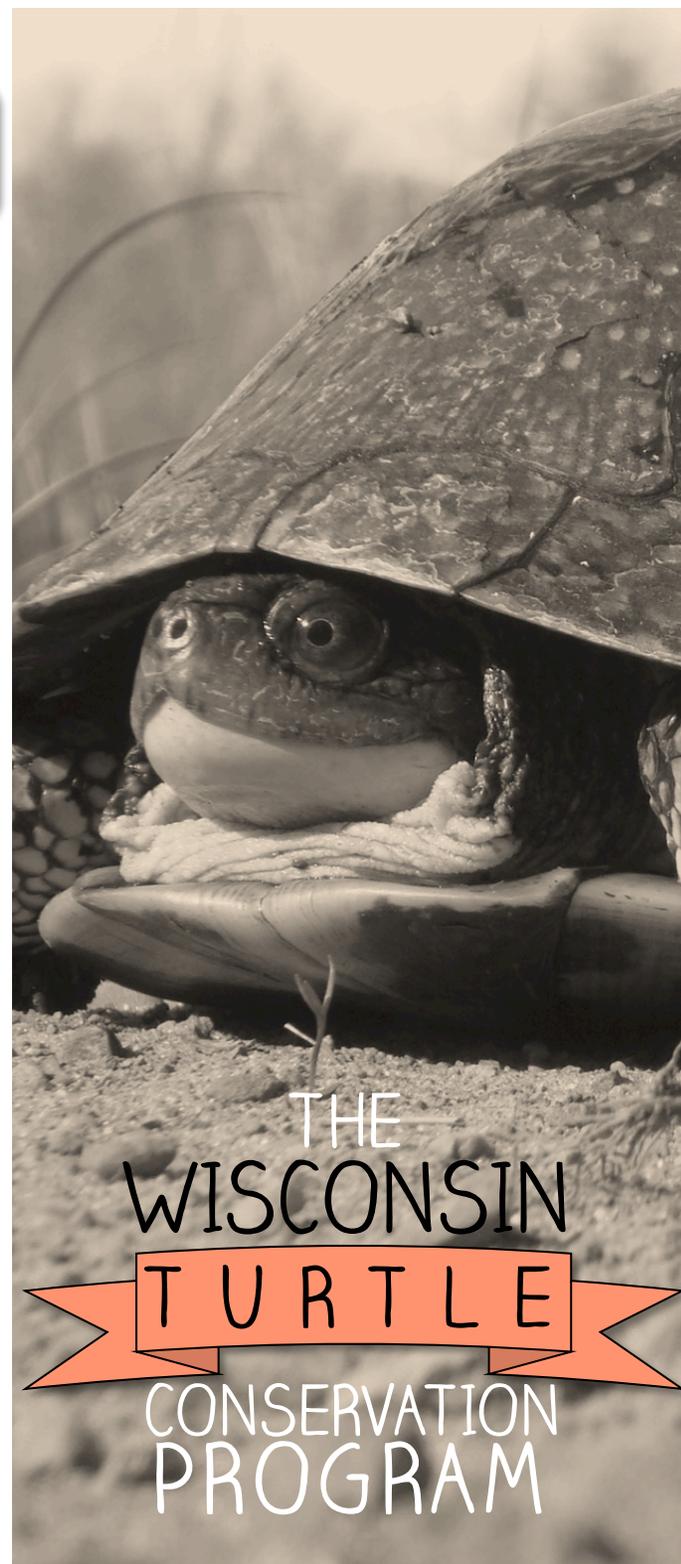
◆ VISIT WWW.WIATRI.NET/INVENTORY/WITURTLES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT TURTLES IN WISCONSIN

◆ DONATE TO THE ENDANGERED RESOURCES FUND. VISIT [HTTP://DNR.WI.GOV/TOPIC/ENDANGEREDRESOURCES/](http://DNR.WI.GOV/TOPIC/ENDANGEREDRESOURCES/) TO FIND OUT HOW.



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THE WISCONSIN TURTLE CONSERVATION PROGRAM IS A CITIZEN-BASED MONITORING INITIATIVE THAT ALLOWS THE PUBLIC TO ASSIST IN RECORDING AND PRESERVING TURTLES IN WISCONSIN. BY REPORTING ROAD CROSSING MORTALITIES AND OTHER TURTLE OBSERVATIONS, VOLUNTEERS ARE NOT ONLY LEARNING AND PROMOTING AWARENESS, BUT THEY ARE ALSO ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATABASE TO HELP THE WDNR MANAGE AND CONSERVE TURTLES.

THREATS

THE INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION AND NATURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES (IUCN) 2011 RED LIST CLAIMS 75% OF ALL TURTLE SPECIES IN THE WORLD TO BE THREATENED, ENDANGERED OR CRITICALLY ENDANGERED. AMONG THE REASONS FOR DECLINE ARE COLLISIONS WITH VEHICLES IN HIGHLY FRAGMENTED HABITAT, POLLUTION, HABITAT LOSS AND DEGRADATION, DISEASE AND OVEREXPLOITATION FOR USE IN GLOBAL FOOD MARKETS AND PET TRADES.

"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world" — John Muir

ROAD CROSSINGS

FROM LATE MAY TO EARLY JULY, FEMALE TURTLES MIGRATE TO UPLAND AREAS TO NEST. IN TOO MANY INSTANCES, THEY HAVE TO CROSS ROADS TO LAY EGGS IN SUITABLE HABITAT AND ARE OFTEN HIT BY VEHICLES. IN SOME AREAS, ROAD CROSSING MORTALITY OBSERVATIONS BY VOLUNTEERS ARE THE ONLY WAY THE WDNR CAN LOCATE AND REESTABLISH A SAFE CROSSING PATH FOR TURTLES.

PROGRAM GOALS

- ⇒ EXPAND KNOWLEDGE OF TURTLE RANGES IN WI
- ⇒ INCREASE EDUCATION AWARENESS OF TURTLES IN WI
- ⇒ LOCATE DANGEROUS ROAD CROSSINGS FOR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF TURTLE CROSSING STRUCTURES

ORNATE BOX TURTLE

