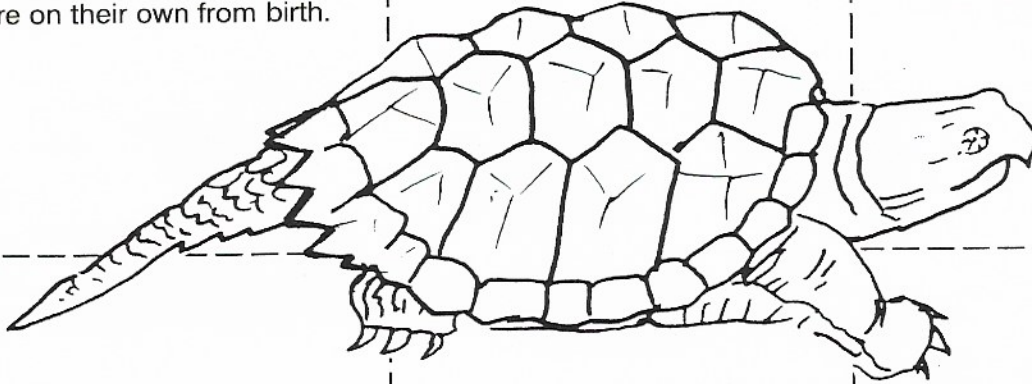


## Turtles: facts

Turtles and other reptiles do not care for their young; they are on their own from birth.

Turtles, like other reptiles have dry, scaly skin.

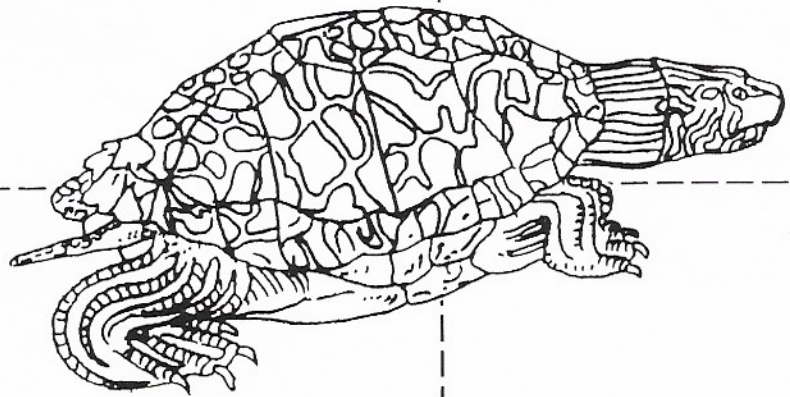
Some turtle populations have declined mainly due to habitat destruction.



Although many turtles like water habitats, they are often found a long distance from water.

A tortoise is a turtle that lives on land.

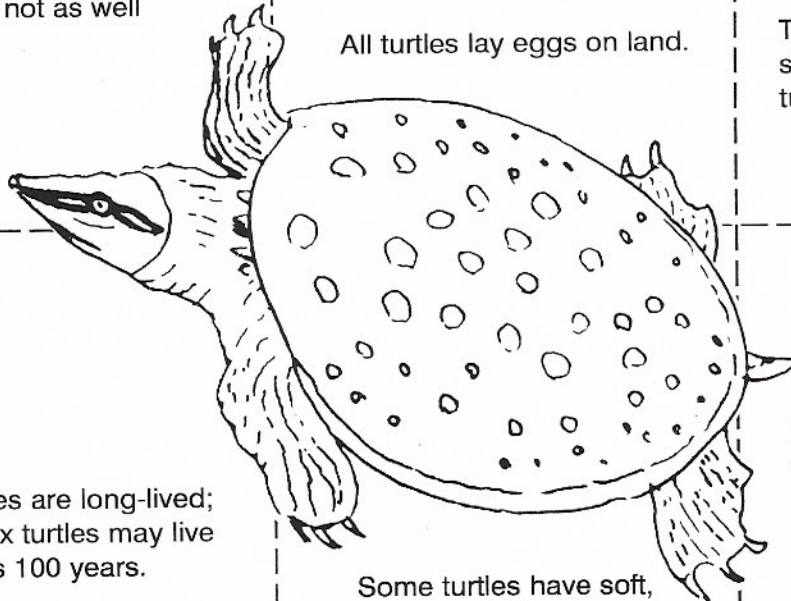
Turtles are often eaten by other animals or killed when crossing roadways.



The box turtle can withdraw into its shell so that most parts are protected; other turtles are not as well protected.

All turtles lay eggs on land.

Turtles are attached to their shells; the shell is part of the turtle's skeleton.



Most turtles are long-lived; in fact, box turtles may live as long as 100 years.

Some turtles have soft, leathery shells.

Most turtles are omnivores, eating a wide variety of plant and animal food.