

the **RISKS** FACING FRESHWATER TURTLES



MAJOR THREATS FACING TURTLES

- Habitat loss
- Poaching for pet trade
- Nest predation
- Road mortality



OVER
200
MILLION YEARS

turtles have
SURVIVED
and adapted

CANADA HAS:
8 NATIVE FRESHWATER TURTLE SPECIES

ALL ARE AT-RISK*

- 1 Painted Turtle
- 2 Blanding's Turtle
- 3 Spotted Turtle
- 4 Snapping Turtle
- 5 Wood Turtle
- 6 Spiny Softshell Turtle
- 7 Northern Map Turtle
- 8 Eastern Musk Turtle

1 JUST ADDED TO THE LIST!

*Ontario has all 8 species and most provinces have a few species.



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TURTLES ARE NOT SPEEDBUMPS!

If you see a turtle on the road
ALWAYS MOVE IT
in the direction it's headed.

HABITAT LOSS THREATENS TURTLES

OVER 70% OF SOUTHERN ONTARIO'S WETLANDS GONE

CWF and Scales Nature Park have extended protection for over 1,200 sq km of wetland habitat since 2013 by documenting new locations for turtle species at-risk.



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