

Eastern Box Turtle

Box turtles are unique turtles who get their name from the door-like flap on their shell that allows them to seal themselves entirely within. They primarily live in temperate deciduous forests, and are one of the most commonly trafficked turtle species. Many states limit the number of box turtles you can own, even down to zero!

If you see something, say something.

Reporting suspicious activity can be monumental in combating illegal turtle trafficking, but you have to know what to look for:

- People taking turtles from the wild and leaving with them
- People carrying nets or containers in natural spaces where you wouldn't usually see them

When you think you are seeing suspicious activity, it is important to:

- Keep your distance and don't approach suspicious people.
- Take photos or videos if you can do so safely.
- Record any important information such as the vehicle's licence plate and description, the location, and when you witnessed the suspicious activity.



