

Real ways to help wild turtles

Turtles are a charming sight in our lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands. But their future in these waterways is uncertain. **All eight of Canada's freshwater turtle species are listed as species at risk. Here are some ways you can help them:**

- + Gently and carefully help a turtle cross the road in the direction they're travelling (only if it's safe to pull over).
- + Don't introduce invasive species, which can damage ecosystems. Don't dump aquariums in natural waterways and follow wash-drain-dry guidelines for watercraft.
- + Support efforts to conserve and restore wetland habitat.
- + If you find a turtle that's been run over or otherwise injured, notify a local wildlife rehabilitation centre.
- + Report any known collection of wild turtles and their eggs to a conservation authority. It is illegal to collect turtles or their eggs from the wild in most of Canada.
- + Slow down when boating near wetlands and shorelines.



BLANDING'S TURTLE



COMMON SNAPPING TURTLE



EASTERN MUSK TURTLE



NORTHERN MAP TURTLE



PAINTED TURTLE



SPINY SOFTSHELL TURTLE



SPOTTED TURTLE



WOOD TURTLE

