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### Spotted Turtle

*Clemmys guttata*

Peoria Zoo Exhibit Conservation Center

**Habitat:** Marshy meadows, bogs, swamps, ponds, ditches or other small bodies of water

**Range:** Southern coast of Maine along east coast of Georgia. Also southern Ontario west to Illinois.

**Activity Cycle:** Diurnal– active during the day

**Size:** 3.5-5 inches  
Males tend to be a little larger than females

**Social Structure:** Solitary- though will bask in groups on warm days  
Can hibernate through the winter in muskrat burrows or hang out on the bottom of ponds with flowing water

**Distinguishing Features:** This is a polka-dotted turtle that has yellow spots on the head, neck, legs, and upper shell. The main body is black. Males have dark pigment on both jaws while females have a yellowish coloration on their jaws

**Diet:** Small animals (snails, worms, slugs, and spiders) plants and fruit

**Life Span:** 25 –30 years average

## ***Did you know?***

***The spotted turtle is listed as endangered in Illinois and Ohio and is threatened in Maine and Vermont.***