



Blanding's Turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*)

Size: Carapace length, 15 - 28 cm **Weight:** 750 - 1,400 g **Habitat:** Swamps, marshes, ponds and slow-moving streams **Surviving number:** Unknown



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Built to last. Living to the venerable age of 77 or more in the wild, Blanding's turtle is armored from life's blows by a sturdy carapace. When the weather is warm, it lies on a log to soak up the sun; when the mercury drops, it can endure up to three months submerged under ice. But future generations have the odds stacked against them since nearly 80% of

nests are depredated, mainly by raccoons. Habitat is being lost and degraded as human settlements – and with them, more ravaging raccoons – draw nearer.

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