



Wood Turtle *Clemmys insculpta*

Description: Their carapace is tan to dark brown in color with "sculpted" scutes. The legs are reddish-orange in color. This is a small to medium sized turtle.

Habitat: Forested areas near creeks, streams, or other bodies of water.

Range: Northeastern regions of the United States and southern Canada.

Life Span: Up to 50 years in the wild.

Natural Diet: Insects, fruits, grasses, flowers, and worms.

Zoo Diet: Chopped vegetables, fruit, greens, crickets, and mealworms.

Behavior: They are only active about 9 months out of the year due to the winter weather of the northern states. They will hibernate in the bottom of creek beds or near other waterways.



Reproduction: The breeding season is in late spring/early summer. The female will dig a nest for her eggs and they will hatch mid-fall.

Conservation: Endangered.