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LANDSCHILDPADDEN EN WATERSCHILDPADDEN

## Eastern Mud Turtle

# *Kinosternon subrubrum*

*Kinosternon subrubrum* is a small, dark mud turtle from the south-eastern USA. The shell reaches 8-12 cm, and the species walks mostly along the bottom of shallow, planted water. It has two movable hinges on the plastron, so it can close itself in almost completely, and it can live 20-50 years. The species is shy and most active at dusk and needs a filtered tub with shallow water, a heat lamp and UVB.

Familie: Kinosternidae  Vroegere naam: *Kinosternon pensylvanicum*

### KERNGEGEVENS

#### HET DIER

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| Volwassen grootte | **8-12 cm**<br>totale lengte incl. staart |
| Gewicht | **90-260 g** |
| Levensduur | **20-50 jaar** |
| Actief | **In de schemering** |
| Levenswijze | **Gravend en semi-aquatisch** |
| Leefgebied | **Moerasgebied en gematigd bos en grasland** |
| Moeilijkheidsgraad | **Gevorderd** |

#### VERZORGING

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| Min. terrarium | **80 × 40 × 40 cm**<br>L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier |
| Temperatuur overdag | **24-29 °C** |
| Zonneplek | **30-33 °C** |
| Temperatuur 's nachts | **20-24 °C** |
| Luchtvochtigheid | **40-60%** |
| Water | **Aquaterrarium**<br>diepte 15-20 cm |
| Watertemperatuur | **21-24 °C** |
| UVB | **Aanbevolen**<br>Fergusonzone 2 |
| Voeding | **Insecten, kant-en-klaar voer, planten, gewervelde dieren en wormen/slakken** |
| Gehouden | **Solitair of in paren** |

#### KWEEK

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| Voortplanting | **Eierleggend** |
| Geslachtsrijp | **36-96 maanden** |
| Legselgrootte | **2-5 eieren** |
| Legsels per jaar | **1-3** |
| Incubatie | **75-125 dagen**<br>bij 26-29 °C |

#### BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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| CITES | **Bijlage II** |
| EU-bijlage | **Bijlage B** |
| IUCN | **Niet bedreigd (LC)** |

## Verzorging in het kort

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| **HET TERRARIUM** | *Kinosternon subrubrum* is kept in an aquarium or a shallow tub with a land area, not in an ordinary terrarium. |
| **TEMPERATUUR** | The water should be 21-24 °C, and a water heater with a guard is normally necessary. The basking spot should be 30-33 °C measured on the surface, and the air in the tub 24-29 °C by day. |
| **LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER** | Air humidity matters little for an aquatic turtle; 40-60% in the room is suitable. The air above the tub must not be cold or draughty, because that increases the risk of respiratory infections. The water must be clear and clean. |
| **WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT** | The water is 15-20 cm deep for adult animals, with flat and shallower areas where the animal can rest and stretch its neck up to the surface. The species is a weak swimmer, so deep water causes stress. |
| **VERLICHTING EN UVB** | UVB is recommended, so the animal can make vitamin D3 and absorb calcium, and the basking spot should have both a heat lamp and a UVB tube, even though the species only seldom basks. |
| **VOEDING** | *Kinosternon subrubrum* is omnivorous but mostly carnivorous. In the wild it eats snails, mussels, worms, insects, spiders, crustaceans, tadpoles, carrion, algae, aquatic plants and seeds. |
| **GEDRAG EN OMGANG** | *Kinosternon subrubrum* is shy and active, especially at dusk, and is seen mostly when it investigates the bottom. It is not an animal to pick up: it can bite hard with its horny beak and release a foul-smelling fluid. |
| **NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED** | Verenigde Staten. |