

Common Snapping Turtle

*Chelydra
serpentina*



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IS THAT BABY TURTLE LOOKING FOR ITS MOM?

No. Snapping turtles (and all turtles) lay their eggs on land and return to the water afterwards. Their babies hatch and must find their way to the water on their own! If you find a baby one, you can help by safely bringing it to a water source, such as a pond or creek.

CAN A SNAPPING TURTLE REALLY BITE YOUR FINGER OFF?

No. It's a popular myth that this huge turtle could take off your entire finger. Would it hurt? Yes! But the truth is that a snapper's bite cannot even go through cartilage, and bone would be even tougher.



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ARE THESE TURTLES AGGRESSIVE?

Snapping turtles are not going to chase you down to bite you. These animals are timid creatures that feel safe in the water. If they are cornered, picked up, or taken out of water, they fear for their lives! In those moments, they will try to protect themselves, but they will never come after you for no reason.

DID YOU KNOW?

These turtles often reach 35 pounds and live an average of 30 years in the wild!



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