

EASTERN BOX TURTLE

Behavior: Eastern box turtles can be found in the South East United States. They are found in damp forests to dry grassy fields.

Experience Level: Beginner.

Adult Size: 4 to 6 inches.

Life Expectancy: 30 years.

Ambient Temperature: 75F.

Basking Temperature: 85 to 88F.



Light: Repti-Glo 5.0 plus a heat lamp and undertank heater if necessary.

Humidity: 30-40%

Food: Half the diet should be vegetables and fruit, the rest should be worms and crickets. Turtle pellets are also available.

Minimum Cage Size: 40 gallon.

Habitat: Can be quite varied, branches and vegetation to replicate a forest or grasslands. They like to roam around so the bigger the enclosure the better. They also like a large shallow water dish to wade in. Mist the enclosure daily but make sure the substrate can dry out completely.

Substrate: Bark, mulch (deep enough for turtle to bury itself in)

Maintenance: Replace water and clean feces daily. A full cage cleaning should be done once a month. Nail trimming should be done once to twice a year.

Basic Requirements: Enclosure with a secure lid, heat lamp, undertank heater, large water bowl, thermometer, hygrometer, spray bottle, UV light, substrate, ornament/vegetation/hides, vitamin/mineral supplements.