Turtle Crossword Puzzle

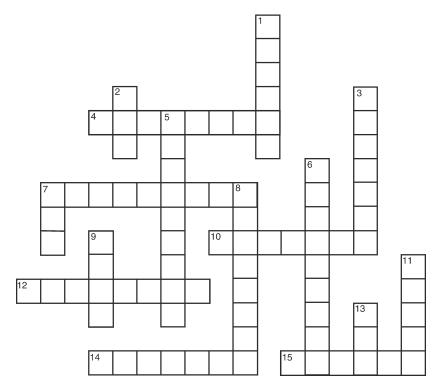
Names of Illinois turtles and turtle facts are used in the crossword below. A list of the turtles that can be found in Illinois will help answer the clues. You might consult the book *Field Guide to Amphibians and Reptiles of Illinois*, published by the Illinois Natural History Survey.

Across

- 4. Name for the upper part of a turtle shell.
- 7. ______turtle is named for a person, and really isn't all that dull and boring.
- 10. The ______ turtle was not designed by artists, but looks like it could have been.
- 12. Name for the bottom side of a turtle shell.
- 14. When turtles sit on a log on a sunny day they are _____
- 15. From its name, you might think that this turtle spent time on a playground, or that it was a baseball pitch that curves at the last second.

Down

- 1. The large scales on a turtle shell are called ______
- 2. The Ouachita, Common, and False ______ turtles shouldn't get lost on the trail.
- 3. The ______ turtle has yellow dots all over it.
- 5. This turtle, which is related to 8 down, is not related to crocodiles.
- 6. The spiny and smooth ______ turtles have a leathery shell.
- 7. The ornate and eastern ______ turtles can close up their shells and hide.
- 8. The ______ turtle can give you a good bite.
- 9. The ______ turtle has a strong odor.
- 11. The _____ cooter lives in backwaters of large streams.
- 13 The yellow and eastern ______ turtles live in wet areas, where your feet could get a lot of sticky, wet soil on them.



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