

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

- Name for the upper part of a turtle shell.
- _____ turtle is named for a person, and really isn't all that dull and boring.
- The _____ turtle was not designed by artists, but looks like it could have been.
- Name for the bottom side of a turtle shell.
- When turtles sit on a log on a sunny day they are _____.
- 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

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

