

Bog Turtle

Clemmys muhlenbergii

Identification

- 3 – 3.5 inches. Our smallest turtle.
- Brown carapace. Large carapace scutes sometimes have yellowish or reddish centers.
- Orange, sometimes yellow patch on each side of head. In some animals the patch is broken up into two patches.
- **Habitat** – wet meadows, sphagnum bogs, fens, and other very shallow waters with mucky bottoms. Only a few populations in NW corner of Massachusetts.
- **Threats** – Habitat destruction, ephemeral wetlands taken over by woody plants, poaching for pet trade.
- **Conservation Status**
Federally Endangered Species

