

# Eastern Painted Turtle

*Chrysemys picta picta*

## Identification

- 4.5 - 6 inches
- Two long yellow spots each side of head.
- Buffed black shell with olive seams between carapace scutes.
- Red striping on legs.
- Adult males have long front nails.
- Red markings along perimeter of carapace, top and bottom.
- **Habitat** – Calm water with soft bottom. Prefers heavy aquatic vegetation and abundant basking areas. This is the most commonly seen basking turtle
- **Threats** – Nest predation, cars.
- **Conservation Status** - Common

