



# Turtles

## Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area

Turtles listed might possible seen at Goose Lake Prairie.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Habitat	Status
<b>Blanding's Turtle</b>	<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>	Quiet waters in marshes, prairie wetlands, wet sedge meadows, and shallow, vegetated portions of lakes.	Threatened. Relatively common north of the Illinois River
<b>Common map turtle</b>	<i>Graptemys geographica</i>	Slow-moving, stretches and backwaters of rivers as well as large lakes	Common.
<b>Painted turtle</b>	<i>Chrysemys picta</i>	Common in shallow, quiet, weedy parts of lakes, ponds, marshes, and river backwaters.	Common.
<b>Snapping turtle</b>	<i>Chelydra serpentina</i>	Shallow, mud-bottomed backwaters, and ponds with lush aquatic vegetation are especially favorable.	Common.
<b>Spiny soft-shell turtle</b>	<i>Apalone spinifera</i>	Rivers, backwaters, lakes and ponds.	Common.

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