



Rock Creek Park

POKEY

Species: Eastern Box Turtle  
*Terrapene carolina*

Found in the eastern United States these terrestrial\* turtles primary habitats are forests, meadows, and swamps. Opportunistic omnivores\*\* favorite foods include: flowers, roots, snails, worms, fish, and even carrion\*\*\*. Red eyes are a distinguishable trait of males as females have yellowish brown eyes. Females will nest in summer laying between 3 to 8 eggs at a time. Lifespans of eastern box turtles have been known to reach up to 100 years.

\*Lives on land \*\*eats plants and other animals \*\*\*dead animals

Hatched: August 1995

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