



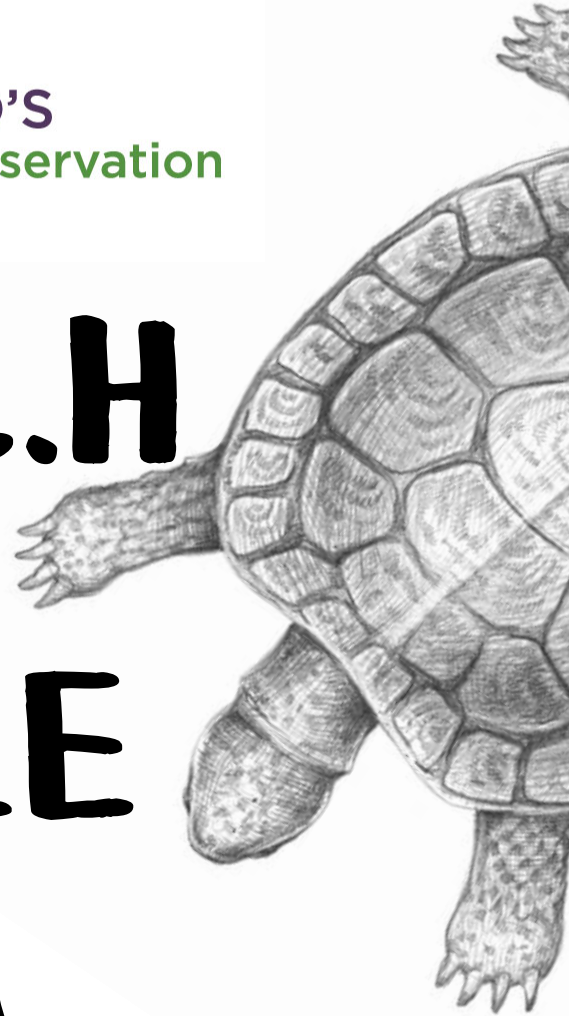
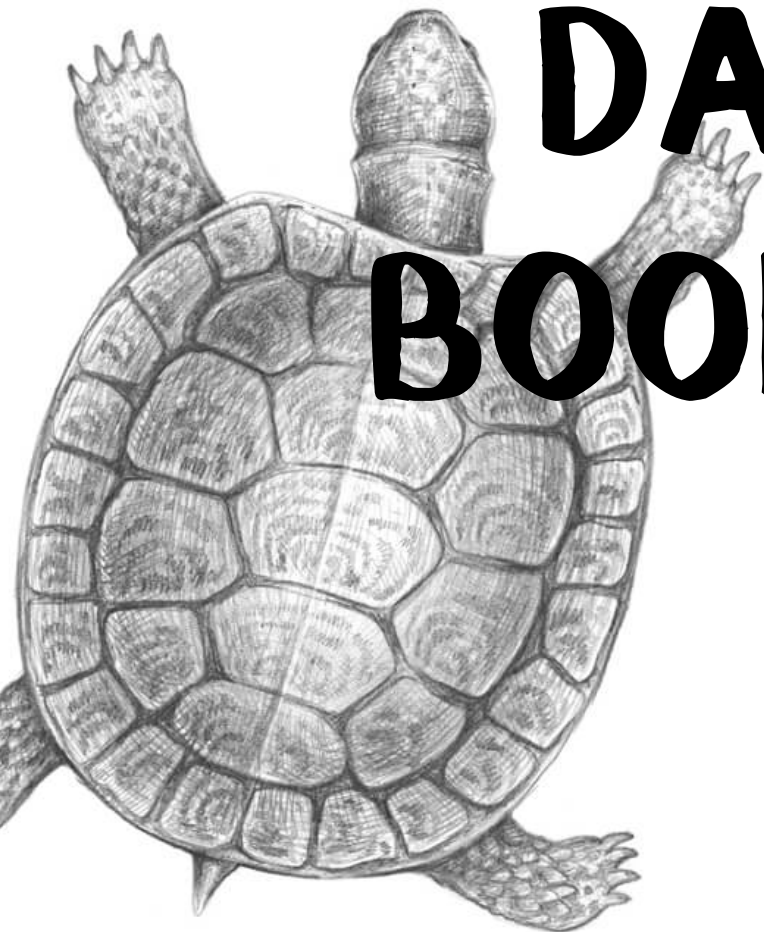
ZOO NEW ENGLAND'S
Grassroots Wildlife Conservation

H.A.T.C.H

TURTLE

DATA

BOOKLET



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H.A.T.C.H – Hatchling and Turtle Conservation through Headstarting

Our turtle headstarting project is part of Zoo New England’s Grassroots Wildlife Conservation program. Join us to become turtle champions and help turtles thrive in Massachusetts!

Keep track of your turtles’ growth in this data booklet *each week*. At the beginning of each month, you should also submit your turtles’ weight and length online.

For any questions, please contact us at:

GWC@zoonewengland.org or 781-686-3246

Our School

Our Teacher(s)

Our Turtles' Names

Tips for Turtle Feeding

The bigger the turtles, the fewer predators can eat them! To grow your turtles:



- Feed your turtle **twice a day** until they are full. There should always be a little food left over! Give them 15 minutes to eat.



- Keep them warm! The warmer turtles are, the more active they are, and exercise makes them nice and hungry. **Tank water should stay between 78 and 82 degrees.**

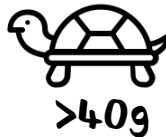


- Make sure they have a nice, stable platform to rest and bask under their (fake) sunlight.



The baby turtles start out a little delicate, so you'll have to coddle them at first. Here's how you treat tiny turtles:

- Feed your baby turtles **in the tank!** The baby turtles are shy and they eat most when they're comfortable.
- Encourage safe swimming! Turtles build muscle when they swim. Start your little babies off with a shallow end (where the turtles can stand and breathe), and the deep end no more than **5 inches** deep.



When your turtles are bigger and stronger (over 40g) you'll be getting them ready for their life in the wild. So now:

- You can start feeding them in separate containers. Use tank water in the feeding container to make them comfortable enough to chow down.
- When the turtles get big, the "deep end" of the turtle pool should be a full **8" deep!**
- Start feeding them other stuff! Twice a week, add cooked shrimp or chopped-up fish to their diet. A few months before you let them go, they can even eat **live** food—like earthworms, tadpoles or crayfish.

Turtle Team of the Week: Maggie and Jordan

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MON	81	✓	Tank Container	5"	Zoomed Hatchling Pellets	shy, didn't eat.	ate only a few
TUE	81.5	✓	Tank Container	5"		ate a few pellets	Started eating right away!
WED	80.1	✓	Tank Container	5"		eating well!	eating well!
THU	81	✓	Tank Container	5"		tried some fish!	didn't like fish
FRI	82	✓	Tank Container	5"		AM: 6 pellets PM: 13 pellets	AM: 15 pellets PM: didn't eat

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	<u>Flip</u> 's Growth this Week	<u>Flop</u> 's Growth this Week
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