



Box Turtle Habitat Requirements – Explore Outdoors



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Eastern box turtles typically have a home range from 2.5 to 12 acres in size. In that home range, they have all of the resources they need – food, water, and shelter. The more readily available resources are in an area, the less box turtles have to travel to find what they need. Less developed areas, such as state parks, are great places for box turtles since they provide large, protected tracts of land.

Box Turtle Lunch Hunt

Eastern box turtles are omnivores, so they can eat a variety of plants and animals. They can eat eggs, flowers, fruit, mosses, mushrooms, frogs, insects, slugs, and even birds! Any plant or small animal they see could be a potential meal! Step outside and see how many different food items you can find that an eastern box turtle might enjoy. Record your findings and your final number of items. (*Cool fact: Did you know that eastern box turtles are seed dispersers?*)

Time to think like a box turtle conservationist!

Since eastern box turtles have a strong homing instinct, new roadways and construction can interfere with the box turtle's natural habitat and its navigation through its home range. Go outside and sketch a picture of your yard or neighborhood. What are some potential barriers to box turtles in your neighborhood and what are some ways you could encourage a more suitable habitat for box turtles near you?