

Snapping Turtle

Kamitsuki Game

Scientific name Chelydra serpentina

Classification Testudines, Chelydridae

Distribution Central to eastern United States,
southern Canada



Feeding Habits It is omnivorous and eats a variety of creatures such as insects, crustaceans, shellfish, fish, amphibians, small worms, birds, and small mammals, carcasses of animals, fruits, aquatic plants, and algae.

Characteristics The maximum length of the back shell is 49.4 cm. The head is relatively large, the abdomen shell is much smaller than the back shell, and it has a cross shape.

Behavior and ecology It inhabits slow-flowing rivers and ponds where the bottom is mud or sand, and it is a completely aquatic species that moves around the bottom of the water. It rarely goes ashore except for laying eggs. It is famous for the extreme force when it bites its prey, and although it moves slowly, it can move suddenly and quickly, and it can extend its neck long. Therefore, it is necessary to be careful of treating this species. It lays 20 to 30 eggs at once per year. The sex of turtles is determined by the temperature surrounding their eggs after laying.