3-Toed Box Turtle
*Terrapene carolina triunguis*

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More Information –
Schwartz & Kiefer- The 3-Toed Box Turtle in central Missouri (MDC 1984)

**What eats box turtles**
Earthworms, insects, snails, slugs, grasshoppers, mushrooms, berries, fruits, nuts, leaves, flowers, grass, leaves, ferns, mosses, algae, lichens, fungi, seeds, nuts, acorns, fruits, nuts, leaves, flowers, grass, leaves, ferns, mosses, algae, lichens, fungi, seeds, nuts, acorns

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**Other Characteristics**
Missouri State Reptile. Eggs are laid in May and June. Adults can live up to 50 years or longer. Can live 50 years or longer.

**Habitat (home/flood/water)**
Forest, forest edge, prairie

**Home forest floor**

**Size**
Adult shell 11.4-12.7 cm., 4.5-5.0 in. 
Male: 226-660 g., 4.0-14.5 oz. 
Female: 660-1600 g., 1.2-3.6 lbs.

**Coloring Guide**
The carapace (upper shell) is brown, orange, and green. The plastron (lower shell) is yellow and have red eyes and yellow, white or red spots on head and neck.

**Box turtles are called box turtles because they can close up like a box by folding the hinged plastron up to the edge of the carapace.**

**Missouri Distribution Map**

**North America Distribution Map**

for turtles under 10 years, count the rings on the scutes of the plastron or carapace to see how old it is