



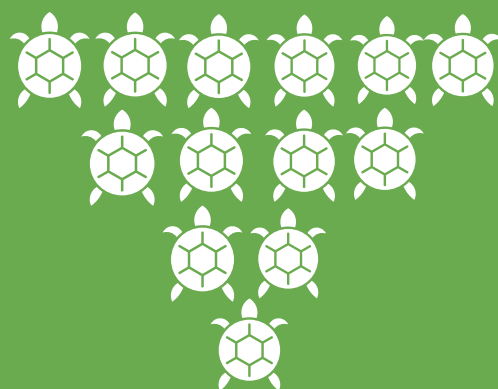
# SPOTTED TURTLE

A very special part of *Turtle Island* (North America)

## Number of Spotted Turtle Sites in Ontario

130

1990's



25

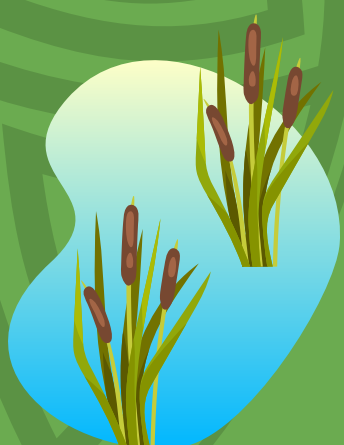
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Spotted Turtles used to be widespread throughout Ontario wetlands in the 1990's.

Now **just 25 sites** have recorded sightings!

### One of Ontario's smallest turtles!

Their shells are no more than 13cm long! Smooth black shell with bright yellow-orange spots. The head and limbs are also black with yellow-orange markings.



### Spotted Turtle Habitat

Spotted Turtles are semi-aquatic reptiles. They can be found in unpolluted wetland habitats such as ponds, marshes and bogs. They also require an abundant supply of aquatic vegetation.

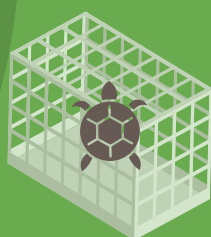
## THREATS



HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



ROADS



ILLEGAL PET TRADE



PREDATION



INVASIVE SPECIES

### WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

The scientific evidence is clear: wetland habitats are decreasing at an alarming rate.

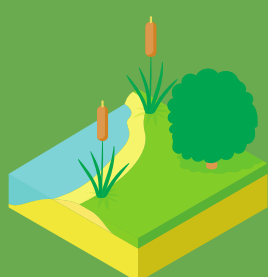


In Ontario, we lose **10 acres** of land to development **every hour!**



Not only are wetland habitats home to many other species of plants and animals, wetlands also provide many other critical ecosystem services.

Wetlands also:



- Purify our water
- Store water during dry periods
- Prevent floods

We **ALL** have a responsibility to reverse nature loss. Time is not on our side. We need to act now!

### SO WHAT CAN WE DO TO SAVE THE SPOTTED TURTLE?

EBC has a rare opportunity to protect 1 of the last 25 remaining sites for the Spotted Turtle habitat in Ontario.

If we lose this site to urban development, this habitat will be lost **forever** and we risk further pushing this species to extinction.

EBC needs **\$125,000** to protect this land. Any amount will help!

**Actions** speak louder than **words.**



You have the power to make a change.

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