

Your Wild Life

Today I found... A Spiny Softshell Turtle

This nature activity is brought to you by Hayden S.
He learned Spiny Softshell Turtles can grow to be 18 - 54 centimeters long!

This turtle is named for the tiny spines on its soft shell.

Flat and leathery shell, which resembles a pancake! Colored tan and olive green, with darker spots.

Snorkel-like nose

Eastern Spiny Softshell Turtle *Apalone spinifera spinifera*

Most often found in river habitats, but also ponds, lakes and streams. They prefer shallow bodies of water with a lot of sand and mud. To hunt, the Softshell will cover itself until almost completely buried. It will then sit camouflaged for hours, waiting for prey like crayfish, fish and frogs to swim by!

Can be quite aggressive!

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