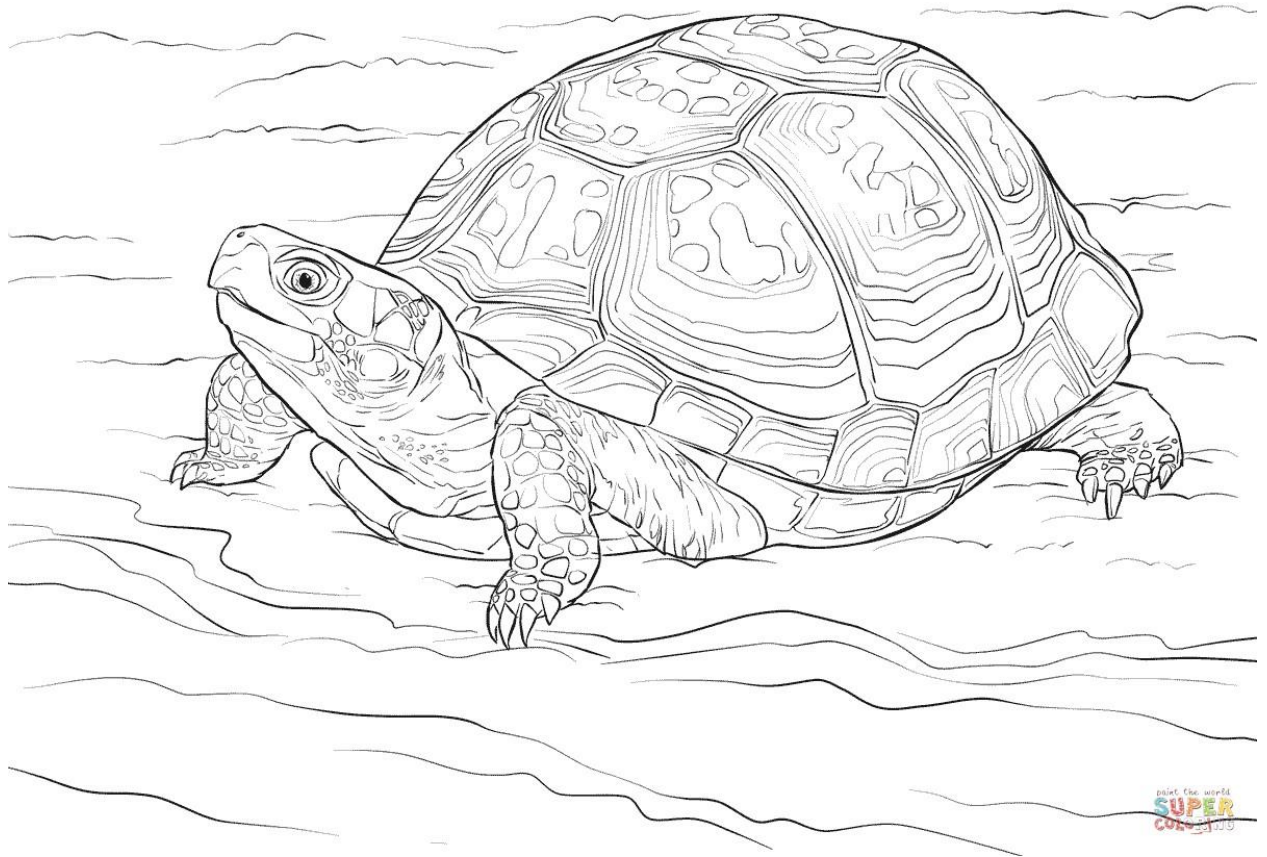


## North Carolina State Reptile: Eastern Box Turtle

In 1979 the North Carolina General Assembly adopted the Eastern Box Turtle as the official State Reptile. Box Turtles are found all across North Carolina from the mountains to the coast, although they are not common on the Outer Banks. They are generally small with a distinctive domed shell that can be brightly colored, and they can live up to 25 to 30 years. We see them from forests to fields and often in our neighborhoods. The Box Turtle got its name from its ability to box itself into its shell when it senses danger.



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