



## Map Turtle

**Common Name:** Common Map Turtle

**Scientific Name:** *Graptemys geographica*

**General Info:** Map Turtles live in the Northeastern part of U.S.A. They are initially shy, but will settle down quickly. Females grow to about eleven inches with a large body and large head. Males grow only to seven inches and are much smaller than females with a longer tail.

**Temperature/Humidity:** You may want to keep your Map Turtle in a heated tank with temperatures ranging between seventy-five and eighty degrees Fahrenheit. Also, use a submersible aquarium heater to provide the correct temperature.

**Lighting:** Standard aquarium lighting is suitable along with full spectrum lighting and U.V. radiation

**Feeding/Watering:** Map Turtles may be fed feeder goldfish, crayfish, crickets, romaine lettuce, etc. To prevent bacteria buildup you will want to use chlorinated water. Strong mechanical filtration is recommended.

**Habitat/Housing:** A minimum twenty gallon tank is required to house two turtles. Use a bare, sand or gravel substrate and provide a water depth of six to twelve inches.

**Other notes:** All subspecies of Map Turtles and False Map Turtles can be set up and maintained in a similar manner.