

Lifespan & Size of 6 Most Popular Pet Turtles

The secret of the long lives of turtles

- ❑ Slow metabolism
- ❑ Protection from predators
- ❑ Healthy lifestyle

Most of the pet turtle species can live for **more than decades**. When you are getting a pet turtle, you should keep in mind that it **can be a lifelong family member**.

Red Eared Slider



Lifespan :

Generally, in captivity, a red eared slider can live up to **40 to 50** years. But unfortunately, the species has a shorter lifespan of **20 to 30 years in the wild**.

Size :

A full-grown Red Eared Slider's size can be **between 7 to 12 inches** in length and the weight can be between **3 to 6 pounds**

Map Turtle



Lifespan:

The map turtles can live from **15 to 100** years in captivity. One or two species of map turtle live up to **5.5 years at best in captivity**

Size:

The female map turtles have significant growth, which is up to **12 inches**, and the **male map** turtles reach only half the size of this, which is **6 inches**

Painted Turtle



Lifespan :

The average life span of a painted turtle is **20 to 30 years** old but they've been known to live **over 50**.

Size :

Males **do not** usually get quite as **big as females**, but their size difference is not significant. Large western painted turtles rarely **exceed 8 inches in length**, and southern painted turtles are not normally larger than **6 inches**.

Box Turtle



Lifespan :

The average lifespan of a box turtle is **almost 50 years**. Most of them die between the **age of 40 years to 50 years**. Depending on **care or treatment**, it can live up to **100 years** or more.

Size :

Box turtles grow to an adult size **between 4.5 and 6 inches**. The largest recorded box turtle measured an **impressive 13/16 inches**.

Softshell Turtle



Lifespan :

The average lifespan of a softshell turtle is **around 50 years**. Depending on the subspecies, the longevity can be **between 11 to 400** years.

Size :

The average carapace length of an **adult female** softshell turtle can be **between 7 to 25 inches**. On the other hand, an **adult male** softshell turtle grows **between 5 to 12 inches**.

Snapping Turtle



Lifespan :

Snapping turtles generally reach maturity **at 8 to 10 years** and can live **up to 40 years or more**.

Size :

The common snapping turtle is a large turtle, ranging in size **from 8 to 14 inches** with a record **length of 19.3 inches**. Their average weights range **from 10 to 35 pounds**, with a record **of 75 pounds**