

HOW TO TELL THE AGE OF A TURTLE?

Illustrated Guide



Method 1 Counting Rings



Count the ring and divided it by 2

For example - if the ring is 14
The the age is - $(14/2) = 7$

Method 2 Checking The Size

Male Plastron Length (mm)	Female Plastron Length (mm)	Age (Years)
30 to 40	30 to 40	Newborn
Around 75	Around 130	5
Around 100	Around 160	10
A little above 100	Around 225	30
A little above 100	Around 230	40
A little above 100	Around 235	50

This method is mostly applicable for matured turtles. you need to measure the length of your turtle from tip of the nose to the tail.

Visual Signs Of Age

Carapace

worn and torn

Sign of Maturity



Carapace

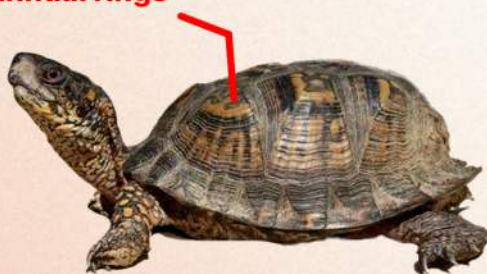
Dents and Chips

Sign of Maturity

Examining The Bones

Counting the annual rings

The way this method works is, theoretically some **bones in sea turtles produce annual rings**. So, by counting this annual rings, we can determine the age of the turtle.



HOW TO TELL THE AGE OF A RED-EARED SLIDER TURTLE



- The dark green color of shell fades into an olive hue - (After 1 year of hatching)
- 2 years old = Carapace should be about 4 inches long
4 years old = 6 to 8 inches long
- Grow large claws and tail after 2 years
Claws start to get refined and prickly age of 2 and 3

HOW TO TELL HOW OLD A PAINTED TURTLE IS?

You can guess the age of the turtle on the number of rings.

If the abdominal area has 5 rings then the turtle is likely 4 years old

(The first ring should be counted as zero as it is present when the turtle is born.)



HOW TO TELL HOW OLD A SNAPPING TURTLE IS?



- 7 inches long carapace = 10 years old
- 11 inches long = 25 years of age
- 18 inches long = 70 to 100 years old

Please note that the data considered here are just a general assumption. Actual data can vary depending on the species of the turtle and many other factors.