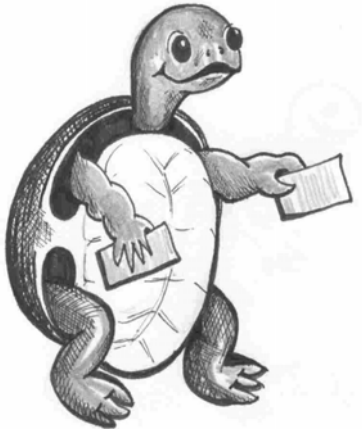


# ACTIVITY #1: TURTLE TRADING CARDS



## Habitat

Wood turtles, as the name implies, are Canada's most terrestrial turtle. They are usually found in areas near soft-bottomed, moving water such as streams, creeks and rivers. Although described as a woodland species, wood turtles appear to thrive in a mosaic habitat of *riparian* woods, shrub or berry thickets, swamps, and open, grassy

## TOPIC

What are some unique characteristics of the various Ontario turtle species?

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

For detailed information regarding Ontario turtles, see the Turtles of Ontario Fact Sheets (pages 10-26) consult "Turtles of Ontario" poster, or see web page at [www.torontozoo.com/adoptapond](http://www.torontozoo.com/adoptapond).

## MATERIALS

Student Work Sheet (included)

## METHOD

Students can create trading cards with individual facts about their chosen Ontario turtle on one side and a picture of the turtle on the other. Some suggested facts to be included are: Name, Address, Age, Description of Upper Shell (carapace), Favourite Food, Favourite Place and Favourite Time of Year. Allow students to be creative.

1. Have students cut out given template, insert information as provided by the teacher on the information card and draw a picture of the turtle on the picture card.
2. Upon completion, students should glue both cards to each side of a piece of coloured construction paper in order to create a trading card.
3. Have students trade their cards within a small group.

E.g.

**NAME:** *Tinkerbell the Turtle a.k.a. common snapping turtle*

**ADDRESS:** *Rouge River*

**AGE:** *5 years*

**DESCRIPTION OF UPPER SHELL (CARAPACE):** *Dark brown*

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** *Fish (Yum!)*

**FAVOURITE PLACE:** *Floating around my pond in the cool water.*

**FAVOURITE TIME OF YEAR:** *Summer*

**INTERESTING FACT:** *I am the largest freshwater turtle in Canada!*

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## PICTURE CARD

THE NAME OF MY ONTARIO TURTLE IS:

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## INFORMATION CARD

NAME:

ADDRESS:

AGE:

DESCRIPTION OF UPPER SHELL (CARAPACE):

FAVOURITE FOOD:

FAVOURITE PLACE:

FAVOURITE TIME OF YEAR:

INTERESTING FACT: