

# Spotted Turtle

*Clemmys guttata*

## Identification

- 3.5 – 4.5 inches.
- Black carapace with varying numbers of distinct yellow spots. Hatchlings often have just one spot per scute.
- **Habitat** – Marshy meadows, bogs, swamps, and other shallow water bodies. The Spotted Turtle is a vernal pool facultative species, using those pools at optimal times of the year. It moves between wetlands and upland habitats on an annual basis.
- **Threats** – nest predation, cars, habitat fragmentation, poaching for pet trade.
- **Conservation Status** – Recently de-listed as a *Species of Concern*, pending more data.

