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Blanding's turtle

Threatened in Quebec – Endangered in Canada



CHARACTERISTICS



- Black to dark brown domed carapace.
- Pale flecks on carapace.
- Throat and chin bright yellow.

HABITAT



- Marshes and swamps.
- Ponds.
- Shallow lakes.
- Flooded lands.



Hibernation October to April



Late August to late October and late April to early May



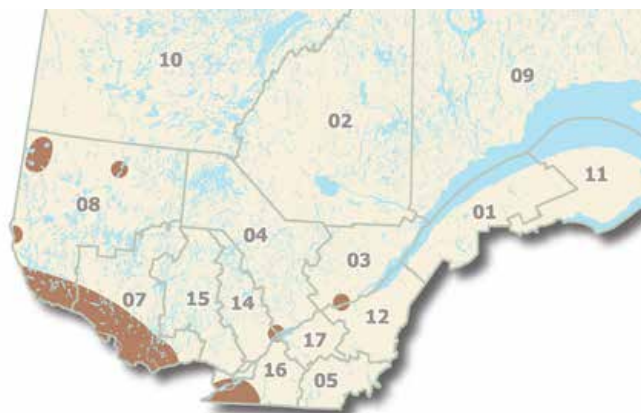
June to September-October

Activities away from water

May 1 to June 24



DISTRIBUTION IN QUEBEC



Source : CDPNQ





THREATS



- Fragmentation and habitat loss.
- Road mortality.
- Dismantling or breaking of beaver dams during the cold season, resulting in drying of ponds where beavers hibernate and death of individuals.
- Beaver eradication in turtle habitat.

MANAGE YOUR WOODLOT AND MAINTAIN BIODIVERSITY

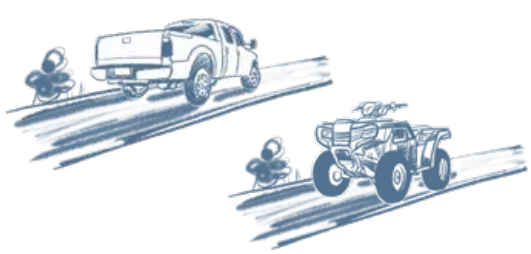
IN THE 240 METRES BUFFER ZONE



Maintain a forested riparian buffer strip. Consult municipal by-laws for permitted widths and harvesting rates.



Don't eradicate beavers: apply sound practices for managing beaver populations and their dams. Prefer the installation of water level control structures.



Reduce speed and increase vigilance on roads between May 1 and June 24, to avoid collisions with turtles.



Where possible, avoid building new roads.

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For references and to learn more, please visit: foretrivee.ca/biodiversite



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