

Protect Our Box Turtle Population

The Truro Conservation Commission is tracking the Eastern Box Turtles throughout our town. These distinct turtles are on the Massachusetts state list of rare species and unfortunately we are a big part of the reason – let's change this!

Eastern Box Turtles are most active in the mornings, evenings, and after a soaking rain throughout May and June, but stay out until October.

Like most species of turtles they are very slow moving and end up having to cross roadways while traveling. If you are driving and see a box turtle in the road, and can pull over safely, it is helpful to pick the turtle up and place it on the side of the road in the same direction it was already traveling.

If you come across an Eastern Box Turtle, alive or dead, we ask that you please take a picture of it. The most helpful pictures are from overhead and of the side with a common object beside it to show the scale. Also note your specific location, the date, and even what time of day it is.

All photos and observations can be sent to the Truro Conservation Commission at ebeebe@truro-ma.gov



[This turtle was seen on Pond Road last summer.]