

## Eastern Box Turtle Project

Spring is upon us, and soon the Box Turtles will be out and about; and WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Eastern Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina*) is a native species that uses the multitude of water bodies around Cape Cod as places to live, eat and breed. This species is vulnerable to being endangered because of a multitude of reasons, from loss of habitat, pesticides and death from vehicles while crossing the road.

What we hope to achieve with this project is to gain an understanding about the box turtles of Truro by collecting information from you. We want to know where they live, where they travel to and understand the population that lives in Truro.



To do this we ask that when you find one you take a picture of it (overhead or from the side;) note the specific location and time; where it was found (road, grass, near water, etc.;;) and, if possible, put something in the shot for scale such as a pencil or a hand. Then email the information to us at Town Hall at [ebbeebe@truro-ma.gov](mailto:ebbeebe@truro-ma.gov). We appreciate any and all information you can provide to assist in our goal to understand these creatures better!