



Presenting:
the New York State
reptile since 2006:

The Snapping Turtle

Where it Lives:

Snapping turtles are found in freshwater and brackish marshes, ponds, lakes, rivers and streams. They like to rest in warm shallows.

What it Eats:

Snappers often scavenge and eat food such as small invertebrates, young waterfowl and small fish. They are aggressive and will attack on land but prefer to flee in water.

Special Features:

Snapping turtles are the largest freshwater turtles, with their big heads, long saw-toothed tails, stocky legs with large claws and jagged saw-toothed, rear-edge dark shell. Female turtles lay up to 40 eggs in June. The eggs hatch, and the quarter-sized young immediately head for the safety of water.

