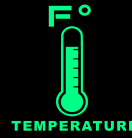


Central American Wood Turtle



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- Tank Temperatures: The ideal basking temps(warm side) should be in the mid to low 90's, and the ambient temps(cool side) in the low 80's.
- Heat Lighting: A 100-125 watt daylight basking bulb should be more than sufficient to keep this turtle in the ideal temperature range.
- UVB Lighting: A 13 watt 5.0 UVB is needed for this species.



This is a tropical species that prefers a humidity level of 60-70%. Though they are terrestrial, these turtles do a lot of swimming, so a large water tub should be provided. Daily misting will also help to keep humidity up.



Food: These turtles are omnivores, so they will need a regularly varied diet. It should consist of some of the following: Red Leaf & Green Leaf Lettuce, dandelions, shredded squash, shredded sweet potato, crickets, roaches, night crawlers, pinky mice, and canned box turtle diet.



- Enclosure Size: These turtles can start out in a 20 gallon tank as babies, but as they age they will need progressively larger enclosures. A single adult can live its whole life in a 30 gallon breeder.
- Substrate (Bedding): The best substrates for this turtle is reptile bark, sphagnum moss, and coco fiber.
- Accessories: Large Hides, Large Water Containers, and artificial or live plants are the perfect cage accessories for these creatures.



These turtles are perfect for beginners. They have a docile temperament, are easy to feed, primarily terrestrial, and stay relatively small. This species makes an ideal first pet turtle.



Found from Southern Nicaragua to Northern Costa Rica



These turtles tend to lay a clutch of about 4 eggs once a year. Their eggs will typically take 120 days to incubate before hatching.



Male members of this species tend to be smaller in size than females. However, the males have much larger tails.



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