Rocket and Roxy the three toed box turtles are some of ZooMontana's oldest residents! Box turtles can live to be 25-30 years old in the wild. In human care, these turtles can live to be 40 or 50 years old! If you have a turtle for a pet, it's a lifetime commitment!



Three toed box turtles live in the south-central part of the United States where it's hot and humid. They're the state reptile of Missouri! Three toed box turtles are not very good swimmers and the lack webbed feet like some other North American turtles have. Three toed box turtles are called three toed box turtles because their back feet have three toes!

- The top of a turtle's shell is called the carapace and the belly is called the plastron.
- Box turtles can pull themselves all the way into their shells and then close the front and back parts, much like a box! This keeps them safe from predators like coyotes or birds of prey.

Can you color in this box turtle?



Three toed box turtles like Rocket and Roxy are omnivorous, meaning that they eat both plants and animals. Some of Rocket and Roxy's favorite foods are lettuce, carrot, crickets, and baby mice. Draw a line from Rocket the turtle to his favorite foods!





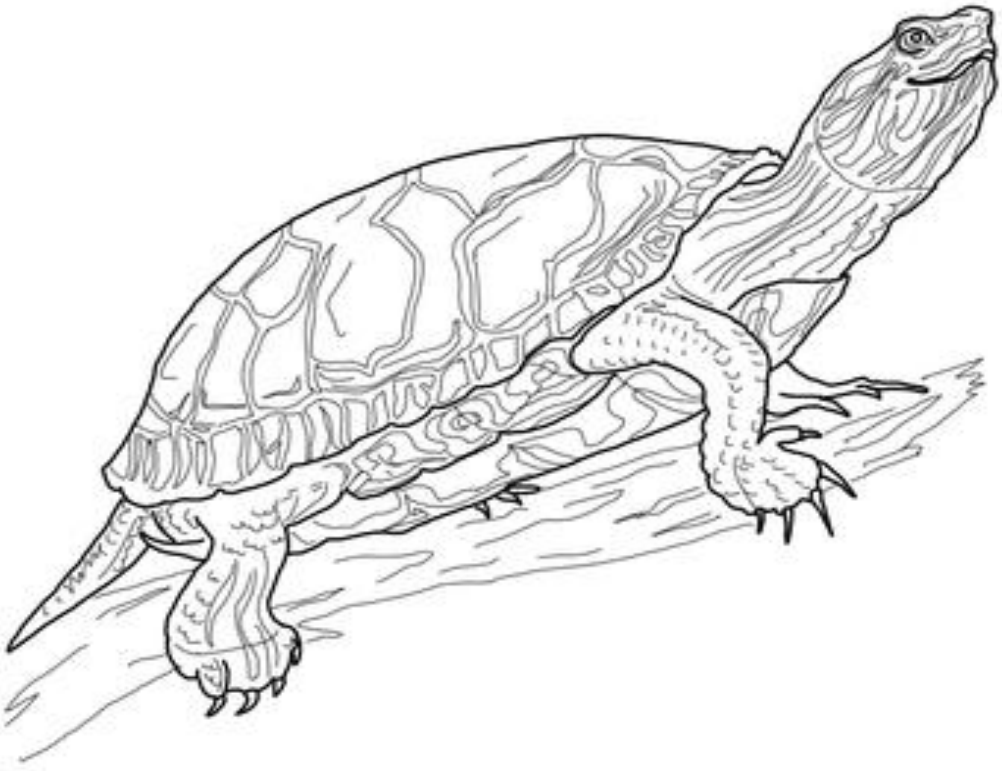








Did you know that turtles are found on every continent except for Antarctica? Here in Montana we don't have three toed box turtles, we have painted turtles. You can even see them on grounds in our koi pond! Color in this painted turtle!



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