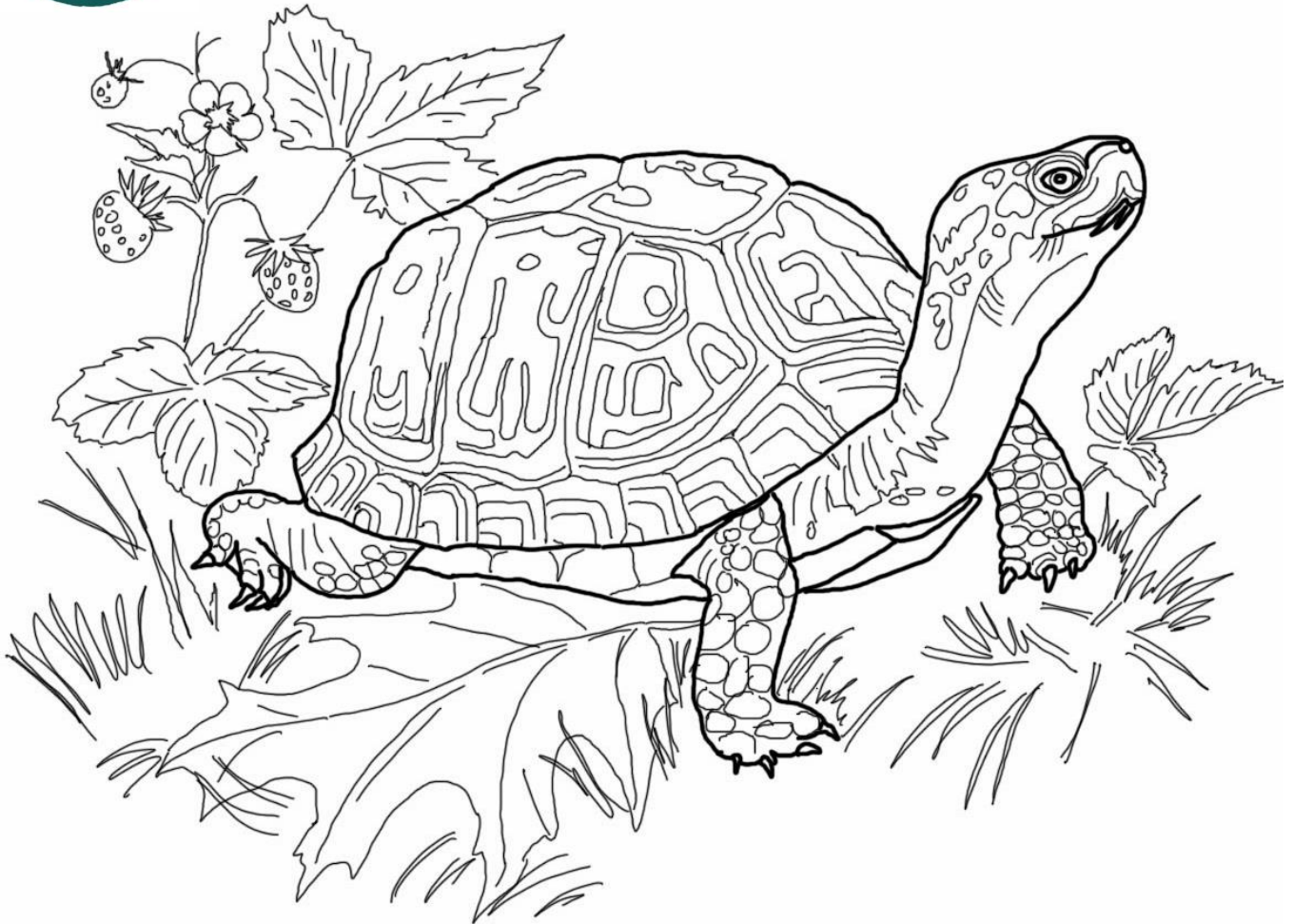




# Eastern Box Turtle

*Terrapene carolina carolina*



*What do I eat?* I'm an omnivore so I eat plants and meat! I like snails, slugs, berries, fungus, mushrooms, worms, roots, flowers, fish, and frogs.

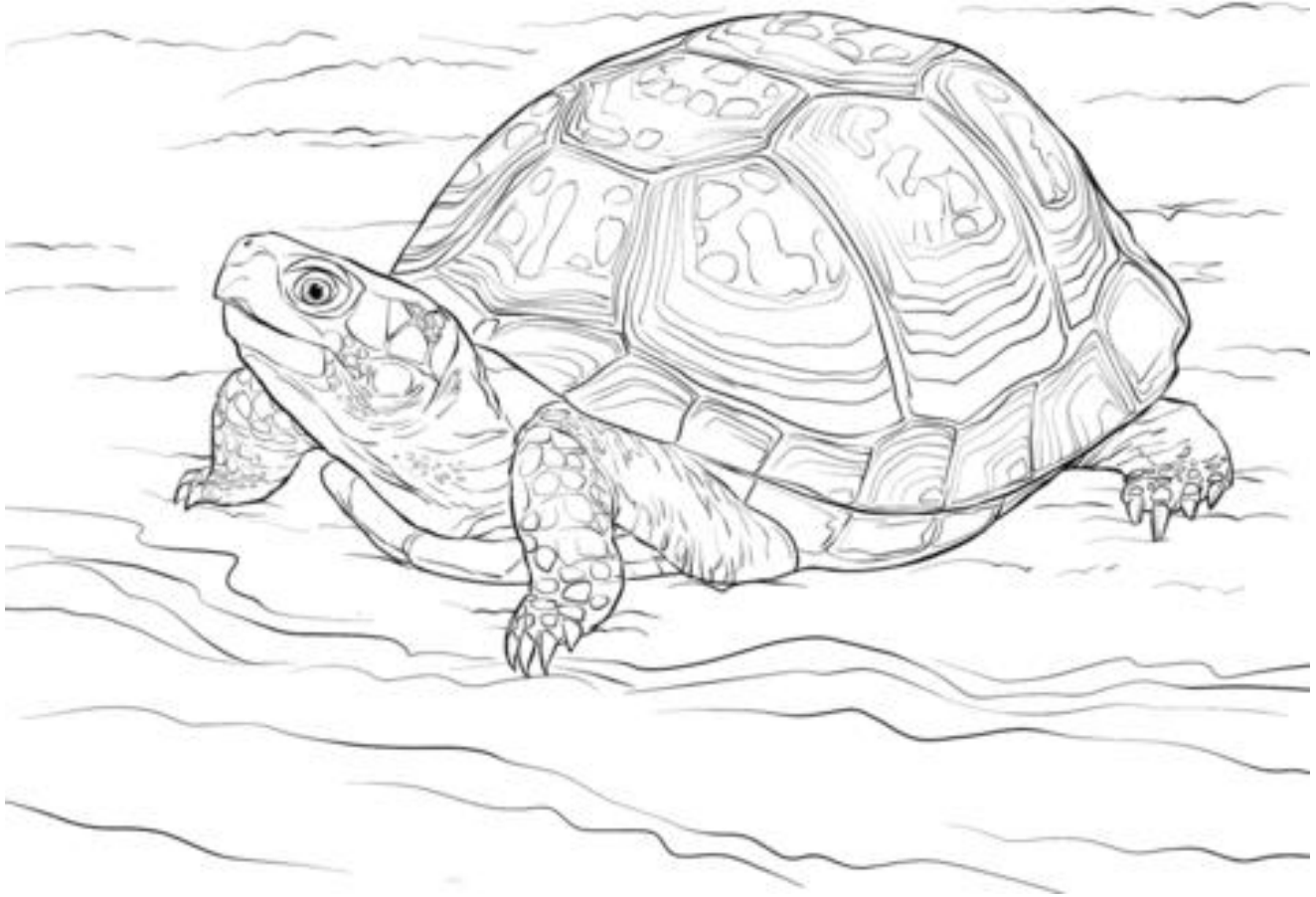
*Where do I live?* On land! Please don't put me in a pond, because I don't know how to swim! I prefer forests, pastures, and marshy meadows in the Eastern United States. You can find me all over North Carolina!

*How can you help me?* Don't keep me as a pet. I enjoy living outside and hunting for food! Also, if you see me crossing the road, you can help me across by moving me in the direction I was headed. Don't relocate me to a new area, or I'll never be able to find my way back home!

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# BOX TURTLE



Why is it called a Box Turtle? Box Turtles have a hinge on their shell that allows them to close up tight like a box when they hide inside! Box Turtles are different from a lot of other turtles because they can't swim. Turtles have an excellent sense of direction, so they can always find the right way to go. If you ever find a box turtle, you can watch it from a distance, but don't get too close or you may scare it.

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