

10 things YOU Can do to help Box Turtles

10. **Respect Your Elders.** Box Turtles live to about 20-25 years and some can live up to 100 years old!
9. **Learn More.** Attend a talk at your local nature center on turtles, or visit <http://www.herpsofnc.org/> to learn about all NC herps.
8. **Mow Carefully.** Female turtles seek out bare patches of ground in a sunny location to dig a hole where they will lay eggs in the ground.
7. **Promote Land Conservation.** Habitat LOSS and fragmentation has altered the turtle's landscape over the past few centuries.
6. **Volunteer For Turtle Management Programs.** Check with your local nature center or park, to see if they participate in any studies.
5. **Look But Don't Touch.** If you encounter a box turtle in the woods, take a moment to enjoy the beautiful coloration and appreciate the hardships and long lives they lead.
4. **Control Your Pets.** Some dogs or cats are instinctively born to hunt. Watch them carefully around your backyard and local parks.
3. **Manage Your Backyard For Wildlife.** Box Turtles need complete and diverse habitats as close together as possible.
2. **Brake For Turtles In Road!** The more roads are put in the turtles habitat, the more road killed turtles we will have.
1. **Wild Turtles Are NOT Pets.** It is illegal and just wrong to take a turtle from the wild.