

*Pick up your bookmark for this quarter; March, April, and May in Membership!*



### Activity 1: World Turtle Day

Did you know the **Eastern Box Turtle** is the official state reptile of **North Carolina**? And guess what? **May 23rd** is **World Turtle Day**—a day to celebrate all things turtle! There are **21 different kinds of turtles** living right here in North Carolina! Can you match each turtle picture to its correct name? 🎨 Then, grab a crayon and color one of the Nature Center's awesome Box Turtles to earn your **special stamp**!

**Draw a line to the correct turtle!**



## Mud Turtle

Donatello is the name of the Mud Turtle at the Nature Center. Mud Turtles are semi-aquatic but prefer to move through slow moving water.



## Box Turtle

Check out all of the Box Turtles in Appalachian Station and the Turtle Pond. Box Turtles are state reptile of North Carolina.



## Snapping Turtle

Snapping Turtles spend most of their time underwater. Check out the baby Snapping Turtles in Appalachian Station!



## Musk Turtle

Also known as stinkpot turtles. They are named after a strong smell they produce as self-defence. Linus is the name of the Musk Turtle at the Nature Center.

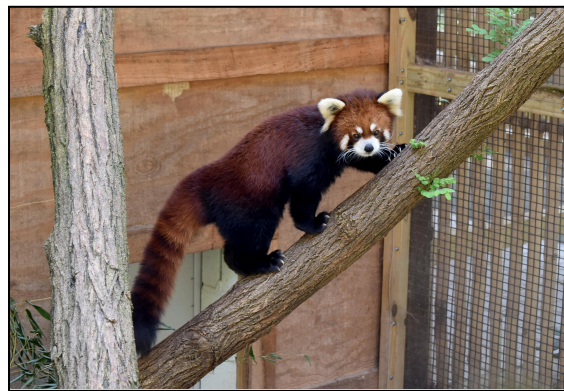
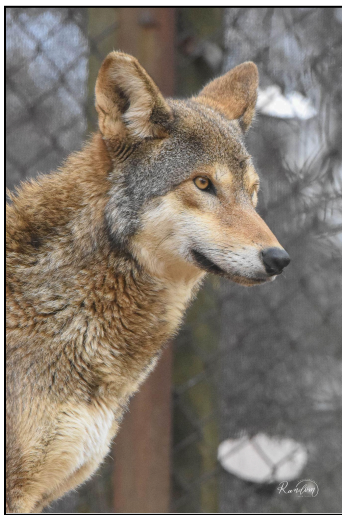
## Cubs and Kits Nature Quest Passport: May, 2025

### Activity 1: You are invited! May 24, 2025 [Register Here](#)

Join Cassie at the Nature Center to celebrate Endangered Species Day. We will learn what an endangered species is, learn about the endangered species at the Nature Center, and learn how we can help!

The program is on **May 24th from 9:30 - 11:00 AM** at the WNC Nature Center. The event is limited in capacity.

No worries if you can't attend on May 24th! The WNC Nature Center will have a special scavenger hunt for guests on **Friday, May 16th**. Prizes will be given for completed scavenger hunts!



**Red Pandas were listed as endangered on the IUCN Red List in 2015.**

**Red Wolves were one of the first species Listed under the Endangered Species Act in 1973.**

**Monthly Animal Question: Did you know that the temperature at incubation will determine if a Box Turtle is a male or female?**

If eggs are incubated in temperatures between 72-81 degrees Fahrenheit, the hatchlings will more than likely be male. If temperatures are above 82 degrees and above, they will more than likely be female.

## Box Turtle Coloring Page

