

TURTLE TUESDAY

MIDLAND PAINTED TURTLE



Fact #1

When hibernating, painted turtles can stay under water for up to five months, holding their breath longer than any other air-breathing vertebrate in the world.

Fact #2

Painted turtles are diurnal; which means they are active during the day. At night, they will rest on the bottom of a pond or on a partially submerged object.

Fact #3

During mating season, the male uses their long nails to stroke the female's head. If the female approves she will go to the bottom of the pond where they will mate.

Fact #4

Painted turtles can't freely move their tongues on land, so they must eat in the water to manipulate food and wash it down.