

NEPARC information provided as guidelines intended to promote species conservation. This data was compiled in December, 2008 and is subject to change. Additional details exist for state herpetofauna regulations, including non-native *Terrapene* species and sub-species. The user (reader) should be certain of their state's regulations for possession and release. Please check with your state's regulatory agency if you have any questions or think there may have been recent changes to the regulations (refer to web links to state regs).

Regulations of <i>Terrapene carolina carolina</i> as Native Species					
State	State Status	Collection and possession limit for personal purposes	Commercial collection and catch limit	Release of natives in possession	Captive breeding regulations
Connecticut	Species of Special Concern	May not collect. Grandfathered 1998 with permit, possession limit: 1	May not collect for commercial purposes	May not possess	No regulation to allow captive breeding
Delaware		May collect and possess 1, no permit required. Grandfathered 12/15/99, registration required.	May not collect for commercial purposes	May release if possessed for less than 30 days	No captive breeding without research permit from director
Maine	Endangered	May not collect, possess or import	May not collect for commercial purposes; includes sale and transport	May not possess	No captive breeding allowed
Maryland		May collect 1, no permit required. May possess more if legally acquired, but permit required (some grandfathering – 1993)	May not collect for commercial purposes	May release wild caught native <i>T. c. Carolina</i> to point of capture without authorization if not held more than 30 days and turtle had no contact with other herpetofauna; or with prior	Captive breeding allowed with permit, but can not sell offspring; contradicts state health code which prohibits possession of any turtle under 4" carapace length.

				authorization from MD-DNR.	
Massachusetts	Species of Special Concern	May not collect or possess	May not collect for commercial purposes	May not possess. Massachusetts natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program must be contacted.	Captive breeding not permitted
New Hampshire	Species of Special Concern	May not collect, possess, import or sell	May not collect, sell or import	May not release wildlife in New Hampshire	No possession; therefore, no captive breeding
New Jersey		May not collect or possess	May not collect for commercial purposes	May not release	Captive breeding allowed with annual commercial permit
New York	Species of Special Concern	May not collect	May not collect for commercial purposes	Release with a permit	May not breed any <i>T. carolina</i> subspecies. No regulations against captive breeding of <i>T. ornata</i> or sale of offspring.
Pennsylvania	Protected – “no take” species, but not candidate, threatened or endangered	May not collect or possess (grandfathered 1/1/07, permit required)	May not collect for commercial purposes	May not possess, may not release unless certain conditions are met (see PA Code Chap 79.11(b))	Captive breeding of <i>T. carolina</i> species not allowed.
Rhode Island	Protected	May not collect or possess	May not collect for commercial purposes	No regulation on release	May not possess: may not breed
Vermont	<i>Not native</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	Captive breeding would be reviewed case by case with strict guidelines and consideration given to intent
Virginia		May collect and possess up to 5	May not collect for commercial purposes	If showing no signs of illness and within 30 days of possession, may	Captive breeding not restricted, but may not possess more than 5

				be released back at the site of capture	
West Virginia		May not collect or possess	May not collect for commercial purposes	May not possess	No regulations on captive breeding

Regulations as Non-Native Species				
State	State Status	Possession of non-native <i>Terrapene carolina carolina</i> (imported)	Buying, selling, possession of non-native <i>Terrapene</i> species or subspecies (imported)	Release of non-native <i>Terrapene</i> species
Connecticut	Species of Special Concern	May possess 1 non-native	May possess non-native species and subspecies	May not release non-native species or subspecies
Delaware		May transport into Delaware and possess <i>T. carolina</i> acquired outside of Delaware with proper permit.	May possess non-native species and subspecies with proper permit	May not release non-native species or subspecies
Maine	Endangered	May not import or possess without a special permit	May possess with proper permits, but may not sell, non-native <i>Terrapene</i> species	May not release non-native species or subspecies
Maryland			May possess non-native species and subspecies	May not release non-native species or subspecies
Massachusetts	Species of Special Concern	May possess non-native species and subspecies	May possess non-native species and subspecies	May not release non-native species or subspecies
New Hampshire	Species of Special Concern	May not import or possess	May possess non-native species and subspecies	May not release non-native species or subspecies
New Jersey		May possess <i>T. c. carolina</i> legally acquired with hobby permit and proof of origin	May possess non-native species and subspecies with a hobby permit (no possession limit); dealer permits required	May not release non-native species or subspecies
New York	Species of	May not import or	May possess and sell <i>T.</i>	May not release non-

	Special Concern	possess any <i>T. carolina</i> subspecies	<i>ornata</i> spp. But not non-native subspecies of <i>T. carolina</i>	native species or subspecies
Pennsylvania	Protected – “no take” species, but not candidate, threatened or endangered	May not transport, import, or receive a transported or imported <i>T. c. carolina</i>	May possess non-native species and subspecies	May not release non-native species or subspecies
Rhode Island	Protected	May not import or possess non-native <i>T. c. carolina</i>	May possess non-native species and subspecies; permit required for any exotic, must be certified salmonella-free, and over 4”; salmonella statement required on imports	May not release non-native species or subspecies
Vermont	<i>Not native</i>	Importation/possession permit required (quite restrictive)	Permit required to import or possess non-native species and subspecies (quite restrictive)	No regulations on release
Virginia		May possess non-native <i>T. c. carolina</i> (legally acquired) but possession limit of 5, regardless of origin	May possess non-native species and subspecies, no possession limit	May not release non-native species or subspecies
West Virginia		Need importation permit to acquire non-native <i>T. c. carolina</i>	May possess non-native species and subspecies	No regulations on release

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NORTHEASTERN US STATE REGULATIONS
FOR THE EASTERN BOX TURTLE (*TERRAPENE CAROLINA CAROLINA*)
AS OF 12/15/08

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