

Testudines

EGGS PER FEMALE - How many eggs does a female lay at one time?

Species	Common Name	# Eggs Per Female
Cheloniidae	sea turtles	
<i>Caretta c. caretta</i>	Atlantic loggerhead	clutch size ranges from 43 to 198 in North America (Dodd 1988); most clutches laid in the United States contain 110-130 eggs (Ehrhart 1982; LeBuff 1990; Marquez 1990)
<i>Chelonia m. mydas</i>	Atlantic green turtle	clutches have contained 3-238 eggs, but 100-120 eggs are more common, and clutch size varies between populations (Hirth 1980); Simon et al. (1975) reported that captive females laid an average of 593 eggs per season (Ernst et al. 1994)
<i>Eretmochelys i. imbricata</i>	Atlantic hawksbill	clutches of 32-250 eggs have been reported (Hirth 1980; Witzell 1983), but most clutches average about 160 eggs (Ehrhart 1982)
<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	Kemp's ridley or Atlantic ridley	clutch size varies from 51 to 185 eggs, with most nests containing 100-110 eggs (Chavez et al. 1968; Pritchard and Márquez 1973)
Dermochelyidae	leatherback sea turtles	
<i>Dermochelys c. coriacea</i>	Atlantic leatherback	the usual clutch contains 50-166 eggs...nests from Atlantic beaches average 80-90 yolked eggs (Ernst et al. 1994)
Chelydridae	snapping turtles	
<i>Chelydra s. serpentina</i>	eastern snapping turtle	total number of eggs in a clutch may be as low as 6 or as high as 104, but a typical clutch contains 20-40 (Ernst et al. 1994)
Emydidae	pond turtles	
<i>Chrysemys p. picta</i>	eastern painted turtle	1-23, typically 2-10 (MacCulloch & Secoy 1983b, Ernst et al. 1994)
<i>Chrysemys p. marginata</i>	midland painted turtle	1-23, typically 3-14 (MacCulloch & Secoy 1983b, Ernst et al. 1994)

<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	spotted turtle	one to eight eggs (Wilson 1989; Ernst and Zug 1994)
<i>Clemmys insculpta</i>	wood turtle	4-18 eggs (Ernst and Barbour 1972; Harding 1977)
<i>Clemmys muhlenbergii</i>	bog turtle	bog turtles lay from one to six eggs (Ryan 1981; Herman 1983); typical clutch size is three eggs (Zappalorti 1976; Holub and Bloomer 1977)
<i>Deirochelys r. reticularia</i>	eastern chicken turtle	5-12 in S.C.; 2-19 in FL (Jackson 1988)
<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>	Blanding's turtle	clutch size ranges from 3 to 22 eggs, but averages between 10 and 15 eggs (Rowe 1992; Congdon and van Loben Sels 1993)
<i>Graptemys geographica</i>	northern map turtle	9-17 (Gordon and McCulloch 1980); 20 (Thompson as cited in Babcock 1919)
<i>Graptemys ouachitensis</i>	Ouachita map turtle	6 - 15 (Vogt 1980)
<i>Malaclemys terrapin terrapin</i>	northern diamond-backed terrapin	4-18 (Seigel 1980a)
<i>Pseudemys c. concinna</i>	eastern river cooter	9 (Cahn 1937) - 29 (Caldwell and Collins 1981), though 19-20 probably more normal (Ernst et al. 1994)
<i>Pseudemys c. floridana</i>	coastal plain cooter	10 - 29 are known (Ernst et al. 1994)
<i>Pseudemys rubriventris</i>	northern red-bellied cooter	Usually 10-12 (Ernst et al. 1994), but one report claimed largest females lay 35 or more (Smith 1904)
<i>Terrapene c. carolina</i>	eastern box turtle	1-11 (Congello 1978); 2-7 (Mitchell 1994) 4-5 is typical per clutch (Ernst et al. 1994)
<i>Trachemys s. scripta</i>	yellow-bellied slider	2-23 (Gibbons and Greene 1990)
<i>Trachemys s. elegans</i>	red-eared slider	
<i>Trachemys s. troosti</i>	cumberland slider	6-15 (Mitchell 1994)
Kinosternidae	mud and musk turtles	
<i>Kinosternon s. subrubrum</i>	eastern mud turtle	one to eight eggs may be ovulated at a time (Gibbons 1983), but probably clutches with two to four eggs are most common (Ernst et al. 1994)
<i>Kinosternon baurii</i>	striped mud turtle	clutch size varies from one to seven eggs (Sachsse 1977)
<i>Sternotherus minor peltifer</i>	stripeneck musk turtle	one to five eggs* (Iverson 1978) *for <i>S. m. minor</i>
<i>Sternotherus odoratus</i>	stinkpot or common musk turtle	clutches contain one to nine eggs (although the latter number may represent that of more than one female)...usually two to five eggs are laid (Ernst et al. 1994)

Trionychidae	softshell turtles	
<i>Apalone m. mutica</i>	midland smooth softshell	clutches consist of 1-33 eggs (Fitch and Plummer 1975; Plummer 1976, 1977c); 18-22 eggs is usual (Muller 1921; Cahn 1937; Goldsmith 1945; Webb 1962; Vogt 1981)
<i>Apalone s. spinifera</i>	eastern spiny softshell	clutch size is 4-39 eggs, with 12-18 being most common (Webb 1962; Ernst and Barbour 1972; Minton 1972; Vogt 1981; Miller et al. 1989)

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