



Greetings!

This is Drew with New Hampshire Turtle Rescue in Nottingham reaching out to let you know that turtles have started crossing local roads as they migrate to their feeding, mating, and nesting habitats. I also wanted to remind you that we're here to help in case you encounter a turtle that is injured or distressed and in need of aid.

If you need assistance with a wild turtle, please **call or text anytime at (603) 417-4944**.

At New Hampshire Turtle Rescue, we provide comprehensive care for injured turtles, with the ultimate goal of releasing them back into their wild homes once they are fully recovered. We have a dedicated team that provides medical care, rehabilitation, and recovery support.

We are the only facility in New Hampshire with rehabilitators licensed to care for the four state-listed threatened & endangered turtle species: **Blanding's Turtle, Spotted Turtle, Wood Turtle, and Eastern Box Turtle**. These species are slow to mature but live a very long time, leading to their populations relying heavily upon a small number of reproductive individuals. This means that helping even one turtle can make a lasting impact for that local population – every individual matters!

If you encounter a turtle crossing a road, simply help it cross in the direction it is heading, and do not relocate. Snapping turtles can be safely lifted using the back of their shells while keeping clear of the strike zone (as pictured). Placing them onto a piece of cardboard or car mat and dragging them out of the road works well and limits handling & stress. A snow shovel can also be a good tool to have available to help move them. When in doubt, just give us a call. We're here to help!



The back of a **snapping turtle** shell has "handles" that you can grab to safely move it out of the road.

Note: Never move or pick up a turtle by its tail!

Sincerely,

Drew Stevens
President, New Hampshire Turtle Rescue