

Adopt a Blanding's Turtle



The Blanding's turtle is a medium-sized, semiaquatic freshwater turtle known for its yellow chin, throat and speckled shell. Populations have been declining due to low hatchling success rates and shortened life spans, due in part to a loss of habitat. The turtle was listed as state-endangered in 2009, and in February 2016 Chicago Wilderness chose it as one of 12 priority species.

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County has been working with Brookfield Zoo, Cosley Zoo and Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum and Shedd Aquarium to hatch Blanding's turtles in captivity and then raise them for a year before releasing them into the wild. Ecologists hope these efforts will increase the odds of long-term survival.

For more 25 years the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County has been leading regional efforts to help the state-endangered Blanding's turtle, and now you can be a part of the program, too!

Adopt a Blanding's turtle and your donation will help provide care for a hatchling born as part of the Forest Preserve District's Blanding's Turtles head-start program. You won't be able to take your turtle home, but you will be able to name it. You might even receive updates once your turtle is released into the wild thanks to a microchip ecologists will place with the animal. Your gift will also support these field-monitoring efforts as well as habitat-enhancement projects.

Adoption opportunities are limited, so make sure to send in the form on the back soon! We also welcome donations of any amount to support the health and habitats for these special turtles.



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Levels

- Plush turtle and adoption certificate
- Conservationist subscription
- Friends e-newsletter subscription
- Recognition in Conservationist, Friends annual report and on web
- Invitation to the Friends annual meeting
- Admission to the Fall Festival at Danada hospitality tent
- Engraved leaf (by request) on donor tree at Forest Preserve District headquarters
- Invitations to special programs, including **behind-the-scenes tours**

	\$100 – \$249	\$250 – \$499	\$500 – \$1,999	\$2,000 – \$3,499
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Your Information

Name

Address

City State Zip

Phone Email

This is a gift. Recipient's name

Address

City State Zip

Phone Email

Turtle name Select one: Female Male

Your adoption offers support for a period of one year after the gift date.

Gift Level \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other

Paying by check?

Make it out to the **Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County** and submit it with this form. Mail this form to the Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, 35580 Naperville Road, Wheaton, IL 60189.

Paying by credit card?

Call us at 630-871-6400, or pay online at dupageforest.org/friends. Select "Donate to Greatest Needs" and "Other." Let us know you wish to adopt a turtle and its gender and name. If a gift, provide the recipient's name, address, and gifter.