

R2 Sensitive Species List Recommendation

Snapping Turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*)

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Recommendation: Not R2 SS; not of concern now

Rationale: Native to the eastern two-thirds of North America and expanding in the western one-third. It is ranked as secure throughout much of its range, including all states in R2. The species adapts to altered and man-made habitats, and readily colonizes new habitats. Therefore, the snapping turtle does not justify special management status.

Note: In addition to the evaluator's references, also referred to are biodiversity documentation at Natureserve.com; Wyoming biodiversity Node; Hammerson 1999; data of the Colorado Herpetological Society; *Amphibians and Reptiles of Nebraska*, 2000, Univ. Neb; Collins 1974.