Sea Turtles
*(Chelonia mydas, Caretta caretta, Eretmochelys imbricata, Lepidochelys kempi, Dermochelys coriacea)*

**Instant ID**
- **Green**: A small head and is named for the color of its body fat
- **Loggerhead**: A large block-like head, and is the most common sea turtle in Florida
- **Hawksbill**: Powerful jaws, with rough edges on the rear of its shell
- **Kemp’s Ridley**: The smallest and rarest of Florida’s sea turtles
- **Leatherback**: A shell covered with a leathery, rubbery layer

**Native Niches**
- Live in the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean
- Found in shallow saltwater habitats such as seagrass beds, bays and among coral reefs
- Dig nests on beaches across Florida

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**Favorite Foods**
- **Green**: Seagrasses and algae
- **Loggerhead**: Clams and crabs
- **Hawksbill**: Sponges
- **Kemp’s Ridley**: Crabs and other crustaceans
- **Leatherback**: Jellyfish

**Critter Characteristics**
- On average, sea turtles dig more than 4,000 nests in Florida State Parks every year
- Sea turtles live for 40 to 60 years

**Population Protection**
- All species of sea turtles are listed as endangered or threatened and are protected by law
- You can help by keeping beaches dark at night, light disorient sea turtles

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