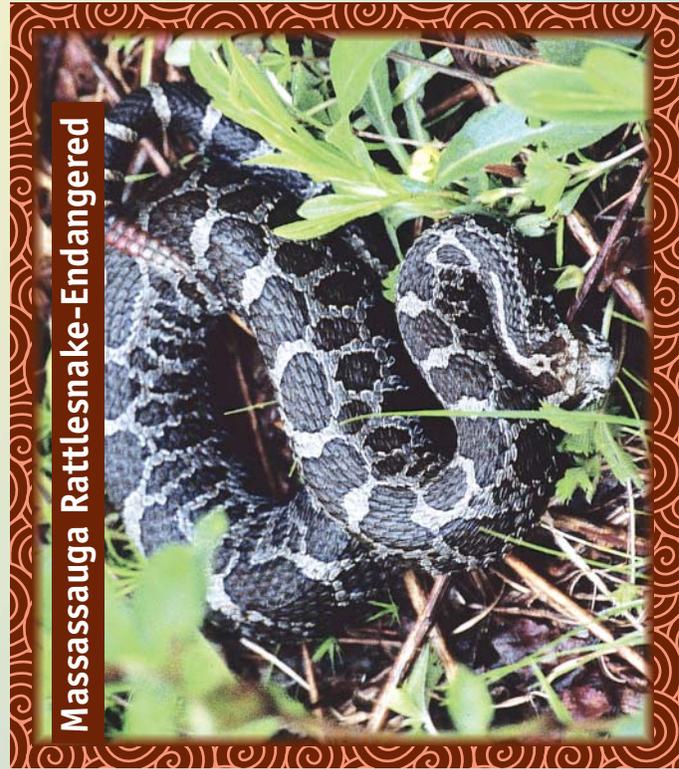
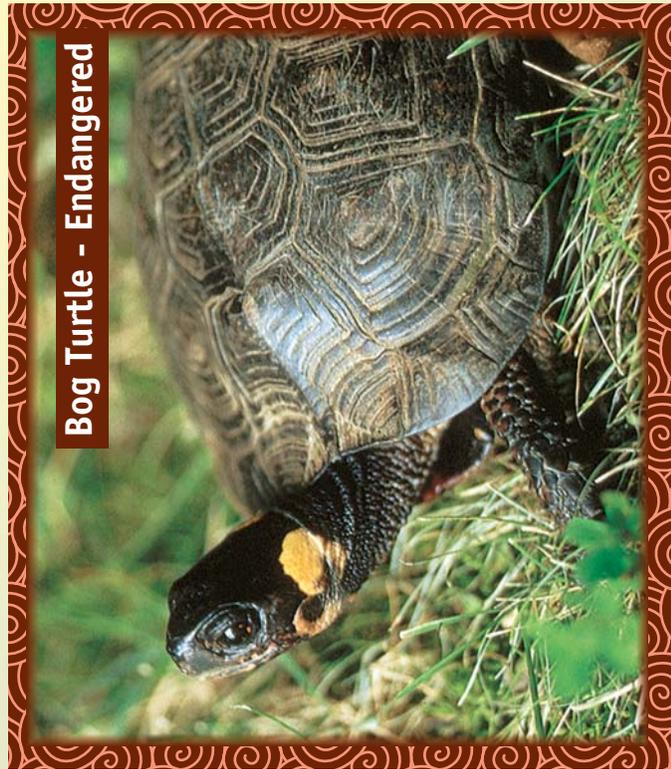


## SPECIAL CRITTER CARDS

These animals are just a few of the endangered and threatened species in Pennsylvania. Cut out the cards below. Try making your own

cards using the information and photos you can find on our web site, [www.fish.state.pa.us/etspecis.htm](http://www.fish.state.pa.us/etspecis.htm).



### Bog Turtle - Endangered

**Description:** One of the smallest PA turtles at about 4 inches. Shell dark brown with yellow markings. A large red-orange or yellow blotch behind each eye.

**Found in PA:** Southeast counties in open areas of sphagnum bogs, swamps or marshy meadows with slow streams.

**Why Endangered:** Draining or destruction of habitat. Also collected by turtle fanciers.

### Northern Riffleshell Mussel - Endangered

**Description:** Oval shell about 3 inches long and 2 inches high. Light tan to olive with greenish wavy lines.

**Found in PA:** Northwestern PA in swift streams in clean gravel and sand beds.

**Why Endangered:** Dam and reservoir construction; erosion from mining, logging and farming adds silt to streams and kills mussels.

### Massasauga Rattlesnake - Endangered

**Description:** Smallest venomous snake. About 20 to 30 inches long. Tail is tipped with yellow; has a small rattle.

**Found in PA:** Central western PA in open old fields and wet meadows; relict prairie lands.

**Why Endangered:** Never common in PA, but habitat reduction from construction of dams, highways, and homes, and mining and farming, have reduced its numbers.

### Green Salamander - Threatened

**Description:** About 3 to 5 inches long, with dark background and green lichen-like markings.

**Found in PA:** Southwest counties only in crevices of sandstone rock cliffs or outcroppings of Pottsville formation; near moist hardwood forests near streams.

**Why Threatened:** Northernmost edge of its range in Appalachians. Sand mining and rock climbing may hurt their numbers.