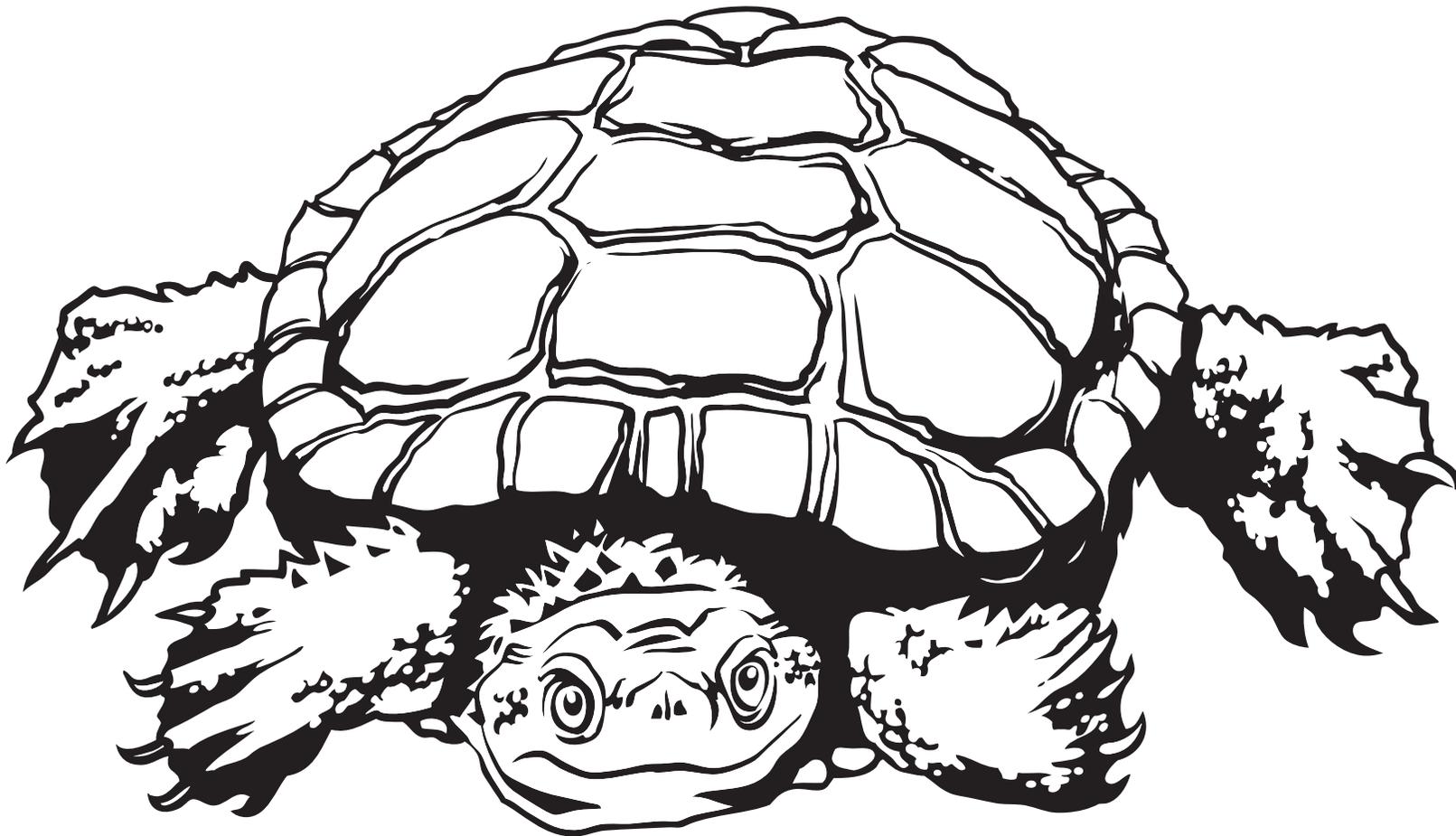


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Western Swamp Tortoise

Pseudemydura umbrina

Australia's most threatened reptile

These unique tortoises are only found in a few wetlands in the Swan Valley, about one hour north of Perth. They are active during winter and spring when their wetlands homes fill with water. During this time they search for tasty treats like tadpoles and other small aquatic creatures. In summer, when the wetlands dry out, they sleep in holes under the ground or under deep leaf litter.

The Western Swamp Tortoise was thought to be extinct until it was rediscovered in 1953. By the 1980s their population had decreased to around 20 individuals.

Perth Zoo's Native Species Breeding Program plays an important role in ensuring the survival of this unique species, having bred and released more than 600 tortoises into protected habitat since 1987.



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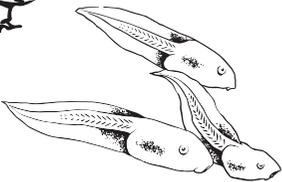
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Western Swamp Tortoise Word Sleuth



Draw the missing pattern on the shell of this Western Swamp Tortoise.



Did You Know?
Female Western Swamp Tortoises lay 3-5 eggs in an underground nest in November or early December

Did You Know?
Western Swamp Tortoises are under threat from introduced predators like foxes.

Draw a safe path to the wetlands so that this Western Swamp Tortoise can lay its eggs.

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