

Common Snapping Turtle

When we see one of these impressive creatures crossing the road, we always have to weigh the risks between trying to help it safely cross vs. losing a finger if we forget how to properly lift it. They are quick, and their armored heads telescope out pretty far when they want to bite.

This spring, a mama snapping turtle laid her eggs in the earth of our newly-dug garden. In the past, in early fall, we've seen the little ones crawling through the yard on their way downhill to the creek; somehow, with no guides at all, they always hatch knowing exactly which direction to go to find water.

They are dinosaurs.

