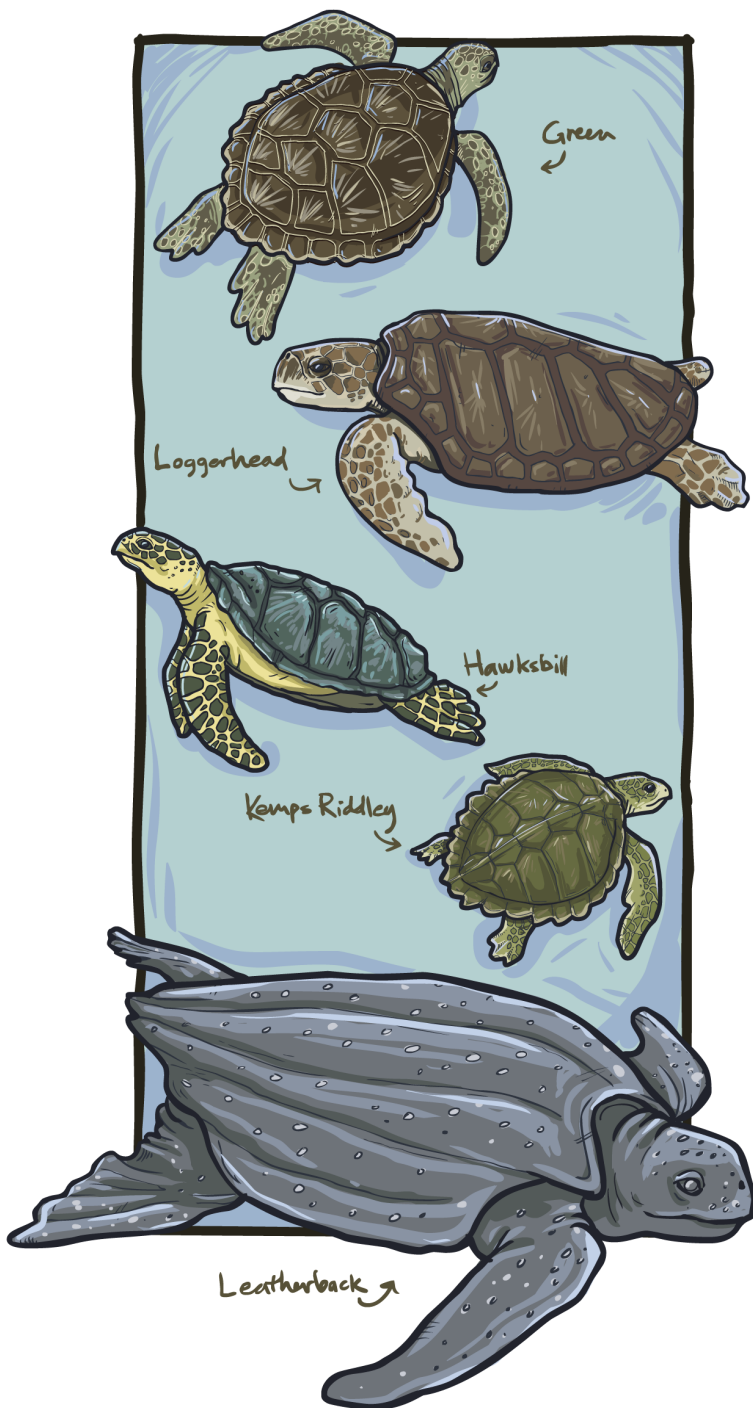


Sea Turtles

(*Chelonia mydas*, *Caretta caretta*, *Eretmochelys imbricata*, *Lepidochelys kemp*i, *Dermochelys coriacea*)

Florida Sea Turtles



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

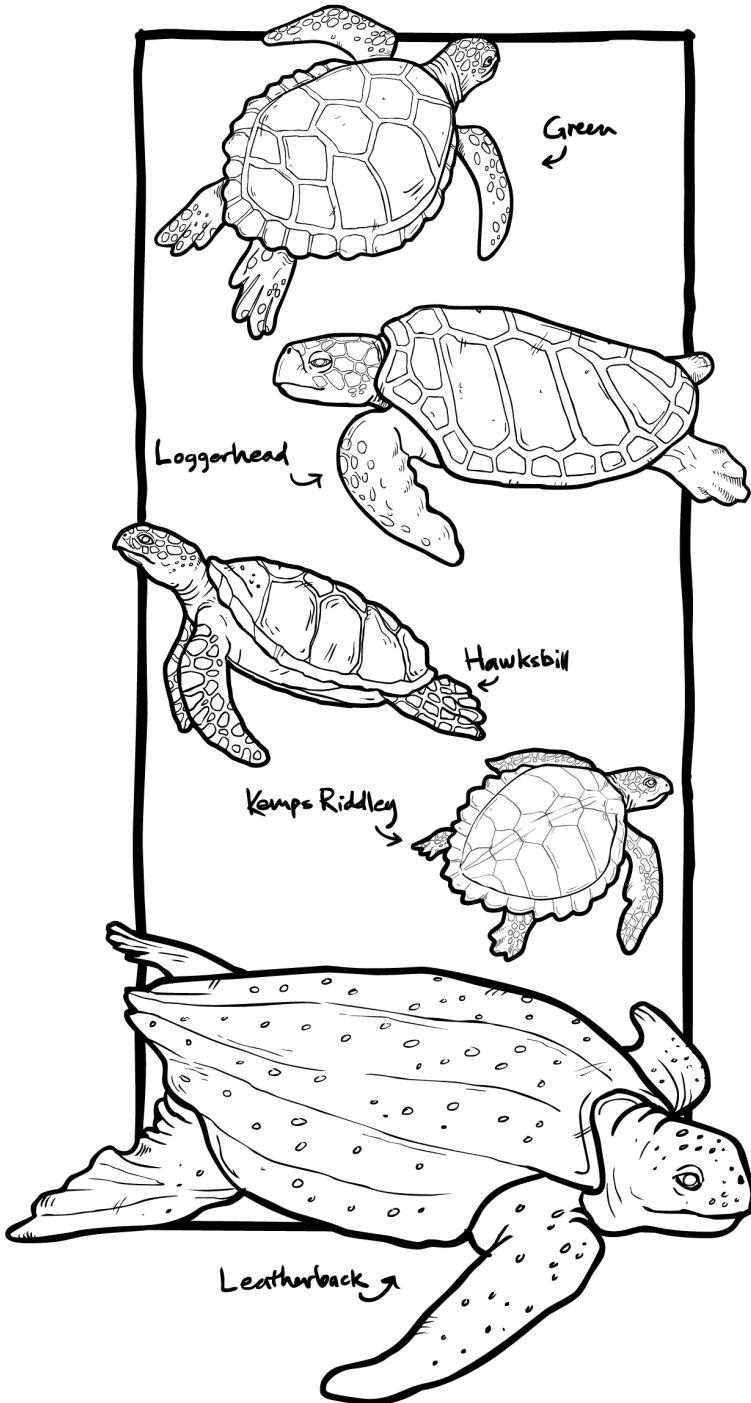
Native Niches

- 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

