



# Illinois ENDANGERED & THREATENED SPECIES



## Blanding's turtle *Emydoidea blandingii* [state endangered]

Blanding's turtle may be found in the northern one-half of Illinois. It lives in marshes, bogs, lakes and streams. This reptile prefers aquatic habitats with much vegetation and a mud bottom. Blanding's turtle eats crayfish, insects, frogs, snails, berries and plants. This turtle may live for more than 70 years.

### Reasons for Concern

- small, isolated populations
- loss of marsh habitat

