Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Code Book

The regulations in this Code Book are hereby adopted by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission under authority of Amendment 35 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas. All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.
Turtles:
The aquatic turtle species listed below are native to Arkansas and may be cultured by those who obtain a Commercial Aquatic Turtle Farmer/Dealer Permit from the Commission (see Code Chapter 34.00).

Family Chelydridae
Chelydra serpentina (Common snapping turtle)

Family Emydidae
Chrysemys dorsalis (Southern painted turtle)
Graptemys geographica (Common map turtle)
Graptemys ouachitensis (Ouachita map turtle)
Graptemys kohnii (Mississippi map turtle)
Pseudemys concinna (River cooter)
Trachemys scripta (Redeared slider)

Family Kinosternidae
Kinosternon subrubrum (Mississippi mud turtle)
Sternotherus oderatus (Common musk turtle)

Family Trionychidae
Apolone spinifera (Spiny softshell)
Apolone mutica (Midland smooth softshell)

Other Species Covered Under Separate Permits:
The following species are governed by separate code and have their own permit requirements.

Family Alligatoridae
Alligator mississippiensis (American alligator) – Alligator Farmer Permit required (see Code Chapter 33.00)

Family Chelydridae
Macrolemys temminckii (Alligator snapping turtle) – AST Farmer/Dealer Permit required (see Code Chapter 34.00)