



Hikin' Tykes: Blanding's Turtle Resource List

Most books found at the Cook Memorial Public Library, Libertyville, IL.

Non-Fiction Resources with Photographs or Illustrations

- ***A Place for Turtles*** by Melissa Steward, mentions *Blanding's Turtle*
- ***A Turtle Hatchling Grows Up*** by Pam Zollman, Scholastic News Readers
- ***Life Cycle of a Turtle*** by Ron Fridell & Patricia Walsh
- ***Turtles*** by Laura Marsh, National Geographic Kids Level 1
- ***My Turtle = Mi Tortuga*** by Norman D. Graubart
- ***Turtles*** by Patrick Merrick, New Nature Books

Fiction Picture Books

- ***Turtle Walk*** by Matt Phelan
- ***Little Turtle Tries*** by Michael Dahl
- ***The Town of Turtle*** by Michelle Cuevas & Catina Chien
- ***Yertle the Turtle*** by Dr. Seuss

Online Resources

- **[Blanding's Turtle Recovery Program](#)**—Lake County Forest Preserves
- Become a Turtle Champion through the **[Adopt-a-Turtle Campaign](#)**— Preservation Foundation of the Lake County Forest Preserves
- **Storybook Read-Aloud: [Turtle Splash!](#)** by Cathryn Falwell. Read by Kim's Kindergarten Storytime (2:37)
- **Sing-Along: [There Was a Little Turtle](#)** sung by *The Kiboomers*. Turtle Songs for Children (1:15)
- **Poem: [The Little Turtle](#)** by Vachel Lindsay

Outdoor Exploration Activity & How You Can Help the Blanding's Turtle

- ❖ Explore Forest Preserves with wetlands, ponds, lakes and rivers. If you see any turtles, take a picture and email it to us at AskAnEducator@LCFPD.org to be identified—or post it to our LCFPD Facebook page.
 - Look for turtles basking in the sun on logs or large rocks. Count how many turtles you see.
 - How many are big turtles and how many are small turtles?
 - What colors do you see on the turtles?
- ❖ Bring a trash bag and gloves to clean up any litter along the shoreline.
- ❖ Conserve water. Don't use pesticides or chemicals on your lawn.
- ❖ Support wetland restoration and conservation. Volunteer to remove invasive species.
- ❖ Drive carefully near wetlands. Check for turtles under your car before driving away.
- ❖ Do not bring wild animals inside as pets. Don't feed wildlife or leave pet food unattended outdoors as it may attract predators of Blanding's turtles.

