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What I Did On My Summer Vacation

A guest essay by Judi Lindsey, a CCC Research Participant



Laurie M. Penland

It seemed like a far off prospect when I tore out a page from the wildlife magazine advertising the opportunity to assist sea turtle researchers with the Caribbean Conservation Corporation (CCC) in Costa Rica and placed it in my “To Do Someday” folder. But in less than two years, I was doing it.

Turtles have always been one of my favorite animals. Since childhood, when I kept a little green dimestore

turtle, I have loved their unique characteristics and easy-going manner. Now I was being given the opportunity to help scientists collect important data on the endangered green sea turtles of Tortuguero, Costa Rica, at the very biological station where the famous Archie Carr began his long-term monitoring program back in the 1950s.

I made arrangements through CCC and their partner

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Outreach Programs

In 2004, the Caribbean Conservation Corporation helped develop and initiate a new outreach and education program in Florida's coastal neighborhoods, Neighbors Ensuring Sea Turtle Survival (NESTS). The NESTS Program began as a cooperative effort among CCC, Disney's Animal Kingdom, The Ocean

through three levels of certification: Partner, Guardian, and Champion. In order to progress from one level to another, participants are required to complete a set of activities designed to benefit sea turtles and their nesting habitat, such as turning off lights that shine on the beach, learning more about sea turtles, or reducing the amount of litter found on our beaches.



Ray Mojica

Cathy Ferrell (center) is presented with her NESTS Guardian Sign by, from left to right, Jerry Heyes (Friends of the Carr Refuge), Dan Evans (Caribbean Conservation Corporation), Jessica Koelsch (The Ocean Conservancy) and Paul Tritaik (US Fish & Wildlife Service).

Conservancy, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Friends of the Carr Refuge, the Sea Turtle Preservation Society, and the Brevard Zoo.

The NESTS program is a way for homeowners, either as part of their association or as an individual, to help protect sea turtles and their nesting habitat on Florida's beaches. The target areas for the first year were the neighborhood beaches around the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge, which supports the largest number of nesting sea turtles in the continental U.S.

The program helps homeowners become more familiar with sea turtles and some of the challenges they face



Even with delays resulting from the 2004 hurricane season, the NESTS participants continued to work through the different levels. During the 2005 sea turtle nesting season, the program awarded its first Guardian Level certification to Cathy and Tuck Ferrell, who live in the Indian River County portion of the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge. CCC would like to congratulate Cathy and Tuck on their efforts!

Since then, there have been several additional homeowners who have achieved Guardian certification, including Virginia Barker and Debbie Henry in Brevard County and Dawn DeSantis-Harris in Pinellas County.

To learn more about NESTS, visit www.nests-certified.org.



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In Caribbean cultures, *Velador* translates as "one who stands vigil" — originally referring to turtle and egg harvesters who waited at night for turtles to come ashore. Now CCC claims this title for its newsletter, and around the Caribbean, CCC's researchers and volunteers are replacing poachers as the new veladors.

Velador is published for members and supporters of the nonprofit **Caribbean Conservation Corporation (CCC)** and its **Sea Turtle Survival League (STSL)** program.

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travel agency, putting my trust in their expertise. Of course, I was a little nervous, traveling alone and joining an unfamiliar group of volunteers and biologists. But I knew this opportunity to have a hands-on experience with these huge sea turtles was a dream to fulfill.

When I passed through customs in the San Jose airport and emerged from the crowds to find someone holding a sign that read, "Judith Lindsey," I knew I was in good hands.

It was a totally new experience for me to be in the minority this time. Caucasian and English speaking, my Spanish was limited to "Hola" - "Hello." The desk clerk at my hotel didn't seem to understand my English, so I kept to my room and only walked a few blocks after I first arrived at my hotel.

The next morning I traveled by boat to CCC's John H. Phipps Biological Field Station in Tortuguero. I felt a little lost. I wandered into the dining area and was greeted by some of the research assistants who showed me to my room. I was told I'd be on the 8 to 12 midnight shift. I was excited and anxious at the same time.

Supper was delicious that evening. A meal of rice and beans and mixed vegetables, served by two capable native cooks. These meals would continue through my weeklong stay in Tortuguero.

The first night's protocol on the beach patrol was repeated over the next 4 nights. We dressed in dark clothes, carried a backpack of supplies, such as a soft measuring tape, numbered metal tags, pliers and crimpers,



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While best known for sea turtles, the jungle surrounding Tortuguero is home to a wide variety of plants and animals.

waterproof recording book, and a huge pair of calipers.

Adjusting to the dark night was relatively easy, as I had picked the week of the full moon when arranging this trip...and it proved to be spectacularly bright during the first half of each evening shift. That, however, did not keep us from stepping into holes and tripping over logs and uneven tide ridges.

The first green sea turtle was a joy to behold...a silver dome emerging from the crashing waves...almost like an illusion that appeared and disappeared with the breaking water until she crawled beyond the water's edge. Heaving her heavy shelled body up the sandy beach was no minor feat. We stood still so as to not frighten her back

into the sea. In time, however, there seemed to be turtles all over the place, emerging, digging, covering, and "scurrying" back into the safety of the surf.

What a thrill it was to have the permission to actually touch these magnificent creatures. The first time I measured the curved carapace length of a shell, I was surprised at how soft the scales were on her flipperlike feet. When I cleared away the sand encrusted on its shell, I felt as if I was polishing a precious gem. And I had no idea that the claw on the front flipper could actually rip through the pantleg of a person carefully trying to get a measurement.

Two other hazards of turtle tagging are the possibility of encountering fire ants during the close-up work with turtles and



David Godfrey / CCC

Researchers and volunteers stay at CCC's John H. Phipps Biological Field Station, located in a tropical rainforest setting and just steps from the black sand beach.

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CCC File Photo

being struck in the eyes or face with sand being flung by the industrious mother turtle. Luckily I was not injured by either of these. A shower at the end of each shift was a necessity to rid oneself of sweat and the fine black Tortuguero beach sand.

Perhaps the moment that stands out to me most clearly from my night patrols was when I had the privilege of actually counting turtle eggs as they were deposited into the nest. Each night a nest was marked, so it could be excavated 2 months later if it did not hatch, giving scientists an opportunity to learn more about the nest and its contents.

When the turtle is ready to lay her eggs, she becomes very still and draws her two hind flippered feet close together under her tail. I needed to get myself into position – one rubber-gloved hand poised beneath her and ready to catch each falling egg, and the other hand holding a counter, ready to tick off each potential baby. I remember lying down on the hard-packed sand, head first into the cavity, feeling each precious egg, like a small greased billiard ball, dropping into and sliding from the palm of my hand as I clicked off each number. Burned into my memory is the bright full moon just sinking below the vegetation line of palm tree silhouettes, the reflected light on the turtle's round back shell, and the warm smell of sand and hot air. This was a sacred moment, and I felt like a midwife helping to deliver a few more endangered

creatures to a life of opportunity, danger, and hope.

In a place like Tortuguero, which can only be reached by plane or boat (as no roads lead there...), I was deeply saddened by the garbage I saw on the beach. CCC worked with the village of Tortuguero and the local ecotourism lodges to establish a recycling and waste management system, helping reduce the amount of garbage in the village. In addition, CCC coordinates a monthly beach clean-up. Nonetheless, the direction of the ocean currents near Tortuguero results in garbage continually washing ashore. While I was irritated by the garbage on the beach, it did not seem to disturb or prevent the sea turtles from nesting.

When I wasn't on night or morning track survey duty, I tried to catch up on a little sleep or went into the town to explore.

I'll always remember is the friendliness of the townspeople. When offered a chocolate candy bar on the street by a Costa Rican woman whom I had not met before, I felt a little wary accepting it. And later, reflecting on my reaction, I thought how my culture of fear and apprehension of strangers had conditioned my first response. Another time a woman gave me a beautiful necklace that she had made. I reveled in her graciousness toward me. This warmth and generosity of spirit was a surprise and a delight.

Costa Rica is famous for protecting its beautiful flora

and fauna, and I saw an extraordinary variety of plants and animals. The little lizards scampering over the walls of every building were a welcome sight, for I knew they ate all the crawly things I wished to avoid each night as I slept. I saw monkeys, swinging in the tree tops, brilliant butterflies floating and alighting on colorful flowers, and even caught a glimpse of the hairy back of a two-toed tree sloth as

it sat high above us in the thick vegetation. The Howler monkeys' territorial calls were eerie as they pierced the humid jungle air.

Photographing the turtles at night is strictly prohibited. As an avid photographer, I felt a little disappointed about the fact that I would not be bringing back photos of my actual nightly work with the turtles. Luckily the coordinator of the program generously shared with me some spectacular stock photos that I could intersperse among my own daylight photos.

Prior to coming to Tortuguero I had been working with three 3rd grade classes in Candia, NH. I had covered the

topic of sea turtles thoroughly with them, showing how they could track the satellite fitted turtles on CCC's website at www.cccturtle.org. Each classroom adopted a turtle and learned about sea turtle anatomy, function, and habitat. They even designed and published brochures for our Technology Fair, writing about the problems sea turtles face and possible solutions for their survival. Now I'll be able to return with



Daniel Evans / CCC

Orchids and other tropical plants can be found on the grounds of CCC's field station and the surrounding jungle.



Photo provided by Judi Lindsey

Judi Lindsey poses at a "half-moon" track during the morning nest survey. Half-moons are made by a turtle that, for some reason, decides not to nest.

my first-hand knowledge of tagging sea turtles and share this wonderful experience with them.

It's heartening that the native people of Costa Rica realize the full impact of protecting the sea turtle. "A live turtle is worth more than a dead turtle" is the

village motto that rings true in the increase of revenue brought in through eco-tourism focusing on turtle watches and related nature activities.

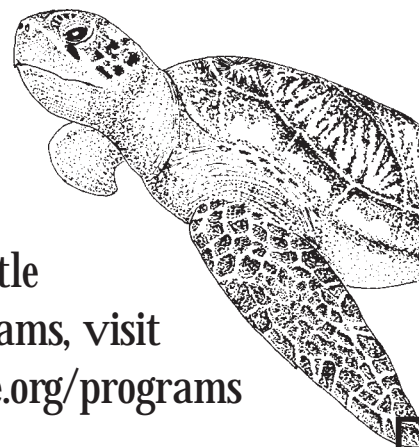
An experience like this begs to be shared, and I shall seek out every opportunity to tell the tale of the green sea turtles in Tortuguero and the conservation efforts being done on their behalf.

I hope to convey the fact that each species plays a unique, critical role. Whether it's a spotted owl in the northwestern forests of Oregon, a blue Garner butterfly in the pine barrens of New Hampshire, or an endangered green sea turtle in the coastal waters off Costa Rica, each is a vital part of the whole. A quote by author Aldo Leopold succinctly sums up man's impact on his environment. "The first step in intelligent tinkering is to save the small parts."

I hope we can all work together and make sure each "small part" is protected and cherished. 🌀

Judi Lindsey is a Different Talents teacher at Moore School in Candia, NH.

To learn more about how you can participate in CCC's sea turtle research programs, visit www.cccturtle.org/programs



Commissioners See the Light About Keeping Sea Turtles in the Dark

During the summer the Sea Turtle Survival League (STSL) began hearing rumblings that the Bay County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) was considering rescinding its pilot 3-year-old sea turtle lighting ordinance. The ordinance only covered the unincorporated beaches in the

western third of this Florida panhandle county. At the same time the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and local sea turtle advocates were recommending the ordinance be extended to the rest of county, including the developed beaches of Panama City. However, there

was strong resistance from a few beachside hotel owners in Panama City against extending the coverage area of the ordinance. Even more shocking was that some hotel owners in the Panama City area were proposing that sea turtle nests be removed from beaches in front of their hotels and relocated to more deserted beaches.

STSL believed that rescinding a sea turtle lighting ordinance to accommodate beachside property owners would set a very bad precedent in Florida and could actually undermine one of the state's most successful sea turtle protection efforts. Reducing bright lights that unnecessarily illuminate nesting beaches is one of the easiest things residents can do to ensure that people and sea turtles can share the beach. We were particularly incensed that some hotel owners, who rely on the natural beauty of our beaches to draw tourists, would recommend removal of an endangered or threatened species that has been an integral part of the beach ecosystem for millions of years.

STSL sent letters to the Bay County BOCC and other county officials recommending against rescinding the ordinance or nest relocation. An e-mail action alert was sent to our Sea Turtle Action Network, and information was posted on our website, recommending that our members also contact the Bay County BOCC. In August the local newspaper, the *Bay County Herald*, reported that as a result of STSL's action alert the commissioners

were "receiving letters from as far away as California" pleading with them to not overturn the lighting ordinance.

The Bay County BOCC is no longer considering rescinding the ordinance. However, it is still studying the issue and may yet recommend changes to weaken the ordinance. STSL will continue to monitor this issue and keep our members informed. Thanks to all our members who responded to the action alert. Special thanks goes to the local sea turtle conservation community for spotlighting the issue and to the USFWS for working toward a solution that benefits turtles and is not burdensome to property owners.



Florida FWCC File Photo

Looking for Comments in All the Wrong Places: GA Shrimping Survey

It has long been known that commercial shrimping, when left unregulated, kills large numbers of sea turtles that are caught in trawler nets that rake the ocean bottom. Georgia has a large commercial shrimp fishery. Complicating matters for sea turtles is that Georgia also allows commercial and bait cast-netting for shrimp in coastal and estuary waters.

When commercial inshore netting was banned in Florida in the mid 1990s, many Florida cast-netters moved their operations to Georgia. The landing of cast netted shrimp in Georgia jumped from tens of thousands of pounds a year to hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Conflicts developed among competing shrimp fisheries, and the impacts to sea turtles increased. In an effort to resolve these conflicts and explore the need for better regulation of the shrimp fishery, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) posted an online survey and began seeking input from shrimpers and the general public.

Thanks to the local sea turtle community in Georgia,

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STSL was notified of these efforts and asked to weigh in with its concerns. STSL has worked for years to increase the regulation of shrimping to protect sea turtles, sea turtles are highly migratory and actions by one state will definitely impact turtles and conservation measures in other states.

STSL sent out an e-mail action alert to its Sea Turtle Action Network, and you responded. Thanks to all of our members who contacted the Georgia DNR and completed the on-line survey. We have been informed that the DNR is receiving lots of comments in support of stronger protections for sea turtles and that all the comments will be considered as the state develops new and better regulations.

The Georgia DNR will continue to take input from the public through the end of the year. If you have not written to the agency or filled out the on-line survey go to www.cccturtle.org for more information. 



CCC File Photo

Shrimp boat trawling just off shore in Georgia.

You can learn how to take action on these and other issues by joining the Sea Turtle Action Network E-mail List at www.cccturtle.org

Legislative Update

CCC's Policy Coordinator appointed to Coastal Study Committee

On September 7, 2005, Florida Governor Jeb Bush issued an executive order calling for a study of coastal development policies. The order established a Coastal High Hazard Study Committee. The committee is comprised of 18 appointed members, including Florida coastal legislators and representatives of various state agencies and interest groups. Out of the 18 members, only one appointment was set aside to represent the environmental community. CCC's Policy Coordinator, Gary Appelson, was selected to fill the "environmental advocacy" position on the committee.

CCC has been calling for coastal management and policy reform for more than a year. After two of the most active hurricane seasons on record, the need for reform is more evident than ever. We applaud the Governor and the Department of Community Affairs, the lead agency on the committee, for this effort. The committee is to report back to the legislature after studying and formulating recommendations for managing growth in Coastal High Hazard Areas, which are defined as the Category 1 hurricane evacuation zones. The committee will serve as a forum for "identifying and recommending land-use policies that safeguard the public from natural hazards, protect property rights, preserve coastal ecosystems and enhance economic development and tourism opportunities." There is little doubt this will be quite a balancing act.

The committee will meet with experts throughout Florida during the next few months, and deliver a final report of findings and recommendations to Governor Bush by February 1, 2006 in time for the 2006 Legislative

Session. The first meeting, scheduled for October in Ft. Myers, was cancelled due to Hurricane Wilma. With only four meetings remaining, it will be a challenge for the committee to fulfill its responsibilities by February 1.


Information about the Coastal High Hazard Study Committee, meeting times, agenda and minutes can be found on the web at: <http://www.dca.state.fl.us/fdcp/dcp/chhsc>.

We encourage Floridians with expertise in or concerns about coastal policy and the long-term protection of Florida's beaches and dunes to get involved in this process. Committee meetings are open to the public. For information about coastal policy and the need for reform visit the CCC website at <http://www.cccturtle.org/florida/free-the-beach.htm>.

Florida Oceans and Coastal Council

In May, the Florida Legislature passed House Bill 1855, the Oceans and Coastal Resources Management Act. The act established the Florida Oceans and Coastal Council. The council is charged with developing priorities for ocean and coastal research and establishing a state-wide ocean research plan. The group will also coordinate public and private ocean research for more effective coastal management. The council will meet for several years and has no pre-determined sunset date. CCC closely monitored the drafting of this legislation and submitted recommendations for appointments to the council.

With many issues equally relevant to both groups, CCC is exploring the possible need to link the work of the Council with the High Hazard Study Committee.

For more information about the council visit <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/oceanscouncil>. 

New Satellite-Tagged Turtles Added to Education Program

The Sea Turtle Survival League's (STSL) Sea Turtle Migration-Tracking Education Program was begun in 1996 in association with the launch of the cccturtle.org website. This education program uses the internet to provide easy to understand results from cutting-edge scientific research to inform the public about sea turtle biology and conservation. Since the start of the program, nearly 200 sea turtles have been tracked, with millions of people logging onto the website to follow along as the turtles migrate from nesting beaches to feeding grounds, sometimes thousands of miles apart.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources is documenting interesting habitat use, migratory pathways, and post-nesting movements of Georgia's nesting loggerhead turtles using satellite telemetry. Adult loggerhead sea turtle movements, including during the nesting season, migration, and at their foraging habitats, will be compared with the locations of commercial fishing and dredging activity. Results will be used to make management recommendations to protect adult loggerhead sea turtles and their habitats.

During the 2005 nesting season, the second year of the study, researchers deployed satellite transmitters on

loggerheads nesting on Sapelo and Blackbeard Islands, Ga. In 2004, researchers deployed satellite transmitters on loggerheads nesting on Jekyll and Cumberland Islands, Ga.

Another recent addition to the education program is "Jennifer" (pictured above), a green sea turtle first seen in October 2002, off the west coast of Bermuda as part of the Bermuda Turtle Project (BTP). Initiated in 1968, the BTP is a cooperative research project of the Bermuda Aquarium & Zoo, CCC and Drs. Anne and Peter Meylan. Jennifer is named for Jennifer Gray, who coordinates the BTP for the Bermuda Aquarium & Zoo.

The site where Jennifer was originally tagged is a shallow grass bed that serves as a feeding area for green turtles. Nearly 2,500 green turtles have been tagged and released as part of the BTP.

Jennifer was encountered on September 26, 2005 by the sea turtle research team at the St. Lucie Power Plant on Hutchinson Island, Fla. Jennifer had some problems though, her front flippers had minor constriction wounds and she had ingested a small piece of nylon rope. The turtle was picked up by personnel from Florida Marine Research Institute and transported to a facility for rehabilitation. After just a short time, Jennifer was healthy and ready to be released.

Researchers at the power plant knew Jennifer was a unique turtle and contacted Dean Bagley of the University of Central Florida, who conducts studies on the migration routes of juvenile green turtles. Together, they successfully attached a satellite transmitter to Jennifer before releasing her just south of the power plant on October 5, 2005.

You can follow the migration movements of "Coral", "Gypsy," "Pearl," "Sea Weed," "Zapala," and "Jennifer" at www.cccturtle.org/tracking.

Thanks to Mark Dodd (GA DNR), Dean Bagley (UCF), Anne Meylan (FWCC), and Mike Bresette (SLPP) for including their sea turtles in STSL's program and providing the background information for this story.



Dean Bagley

Support CCC Through Online Charity Auctions

Do you auction or buy items on eBay? You can donate a portion of your auction sales on eBay directly to CCC through Missionfish. In cooperation with eBay's Giving Works program, Missionfish allows eBay sellers to donate a percentage of the final sale of selected items to a non-profit organization, such as CCC.



You can also bid on charitable auctions that benefit CCC. All charitable auctions display the Giving Works icon, and donation details are listed in the auction description. After the sale is finalized, Missionfish channels the allocated funds to CCC and provides you with a donation receipt for tax purposes.

CCC is excited to be part of this program and provide our members with this new opportunity to combine commerce and conservation. Now you can sell vintage records or buy holiday gifts while supporting CCC's sea turtle research and conservation efforts!

To learn more, visit www.missionfish.org or givingworks.ebay.com. Thanks for your support!



Holiday Shopping Catalogue



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AA. "Baby Sea Turtles" - A wonderful & cute design. These cute hatchlings look great on Metro Blue or Caribbean Blue (pictured) cotton T-shirts or Women's Black Scoop Neck. T-shirts available in children S, M & L and adult S, M, L, XL.

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Ceramic Mug available with Caribbean Blue design **\$12.95**



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AB. Wear your support - Our beautiful teal and purple logo looks great on these colorful shirts. White, Ash, Sand, Iris, Goldenrod or Black (text is white on black shirts). White, Ash, Iris, Goldenrod and Sand are available in adult S, M, L, XL. Black is available in adult L, XL only. **\$19.95**

AC. CCC Tote Bag - A very large and sturdy Boat Tote Bag with zipper featuring the CCC logo. This natural colored bag is made of 22 oz. Cotton canvas. The handles and bottom are Forest Green. Top width is 22 1/2", height is 11 1/2", bottom width is 14" and the gusset is 6". **\$19.95**



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AD. STSL Baseball Cap - This Sea Turtle Survival League soft baseball cap is a high quality brushed twill with adjustable cloth strap. Adult size, khaki color only. **\$19.95**

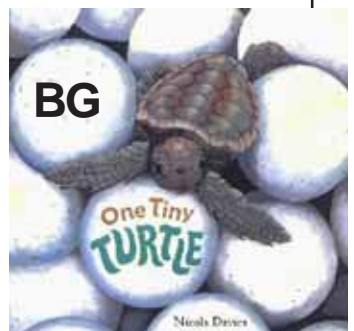
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BA. *The Windward Road* - Archie colorfully describes his travels to Caribbean beaches in the 1940s and 50s, where he looked for clues in his effort to unravel the mysteries of the enigmatic sea turtle. This book alerted the world to the decline of sea turtle populations and has won several awards. **\$19.95**

BB. *High Jungles and Low* - A vivid and passionate discourse of the time Archie spent in Honduras in the 1940s. **\$19.95**

BC. *Ulendo--Travels of a Naturalist in and out of Africa* - Archie's passion for the natural world shines through in this brilliant text that continues to inspire naturalists. **\$19.95**



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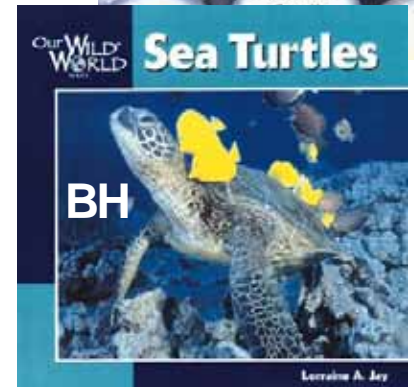
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BD. *A Naturalist in Florida--A Celebration of Eden* - This volume is a compilation of essays written by Archie and edited after his death by his wife, Marjorie Carr. **\$19.95**

BE. *Sea Turtles* by Jeff Ripple - This spectacularly illustrated book profiles all the species of sea turtles, including life history, navigation, natural predators, human-caused threats and conservation efforts around the world. Full of crisp, colorful photographs, this book should be on every turtle lover's coffee table! **\$19.95**

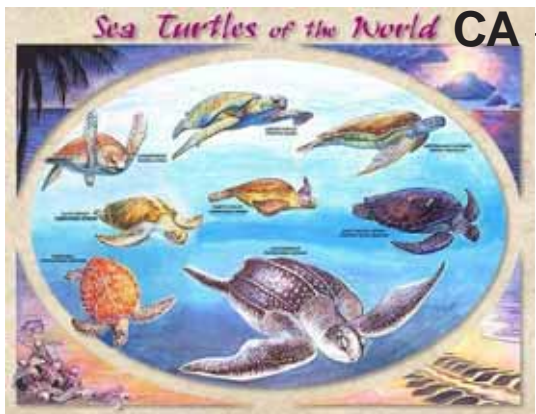
BF. *Into the Sea* by Brenda Guiberson - This delightful children's book follows the life cycle of a sea turtle from hatchling to adulthood. Children are sure to enjoy the

wonderful illustrations and the moving story of survival. Ages 5-8. **\$18.95**



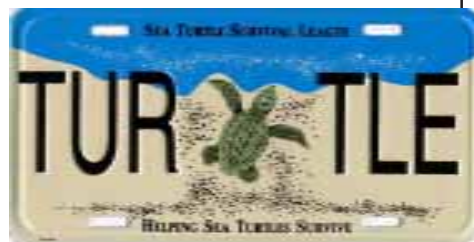
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BG. *One Tiny Turtle* by Nicole Davis - The story of the life cycle of a loggerhead sea turtle draws readers into the mysteries of this reclusive deep-sea creature, while the illustrations bring the ocean world to life in all its beauty. Ages 5-8. **\$18.95**



BH. *Sea Turtles (Our Wild World)* by Lorraine A. Jay - Teaches nature conservation and makes learning about animals fun. A durable softcover with color photos and illustrations. If a child wants to know about sea turtles, this is the book. Ages 8-12. **\$9.95**

CA. *Sea Turtles of the World* - This poster by artist Deirdre Hyde is a new version of her original poster. The "Turtles of the World" poster is a colorful depiction of the species of sea turtles found world wide. **\$11.95**

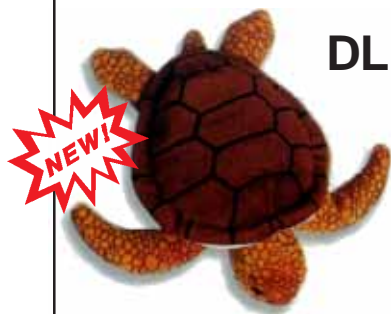


DA

CB. *Tortuguero Sea Turtle Print* - A gorgeous painting by artist Dierdre Hyde featuring the lush colors of Costa Rica. **\$10.95**

CC. *Tale of the Green Turtle* - This 27-minute video explores CCC's efforts to save the Caribbean green turtle. Please indicate VHS or DVD **\$14.95**

CD. *Tortuguero: Land of the Turtles* - A 20-minute video that chronicles the importance of this famous rookery and the history of Archie Carr and the CCC in this northern Caribbean region of Costa Rica. Please indicate VHS or DVD **\$14.95**



DL

DA. *Sea Turtle License Plate* - Want a turtle plate for your car, but don't live in Florida? Get the Sea Turtle Survival League's mock license plate for the front of your car. **\$12.95**

DB. *Sea Turtle Note Cards* - Set of Sea Turtle Species of the World blank note cards. Each box set includes 7 cards, one for each species, with a colorful image on the front and sea turtle facts for that species on the back. Comes in a clear soft fold box and includes envelopes. **\$16.95**



DB

DL. *Loggerhead Sea Turtle Plush* - An adorable plush sea turtle makes a great soft toy or collectible. The perfect gift for children of all ages. 8" in length. **\$6.50**

DM. *Sea Turtle Clinger* - This sea turtle has a magnetic personality, or at least flippers, allowing it to cling to most metal surfaces. **\$14.95**

DN. *Green Turtle Hatchlings Jigsaw Puzzle* - 550 piece jigsaw. Size: 15-1/2" x 18". Not suitable for children under 3 years of age. **\$14.95**



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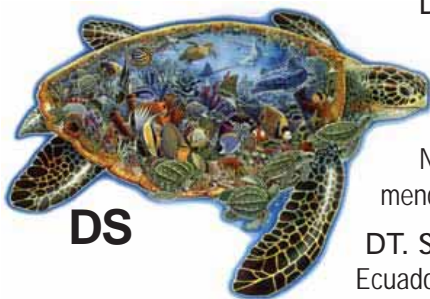


DN

DP. *Wooden Sea Turtle Jigsaw Puzzle* - 20 large piece jigsaw. Size: 8" x 8". Not suitable for children under 2 years of age. **\$14.95**

DS. *Garden of Sea Turtles Shaped Puzzle* - 1,000 piece, sea turtle shaped, jigsaw puzzle over 3 feet long. No straight edges--a great puzzle challenge! Recommended for ages 12 - up. **\$19.95**

DT. *Sea Turtle Tanga Nut Figurine* - Hand carved in Ecuador, providing economic incentives for the sustainable harvest of the tagua palm nut, commonly known as "vegetable ivory." Approximate Dimensions: 2 3/4" high, 3 1/2" long, 3" wide. **\$29.95**



DS



DP

JA. *CCC Logo Key Chain* - Our logo keychain features a non-twist connection and a spinning gold-tone replica of our distinctive sea turtle logo. **\$5.75**



JB. Enamel Sea Turtle Hatchling - This beautiful enamel juvenile green sea turtle is edged in a golden color and made by WM Spear Design. Available as either a pin or zipper pull (comes with hook loop for attachment). Measures over 1 inch in height. \$9.95



JC. CCC Holiday Hatchling Ornament - You won't find this unique, collectible ornament anywhere else! This sea turtle hatchling will look great crawling on your tree and features a special holiday message, "Happy Turtle Tidings" engraved on the back. Quantities are limited, so grab one now before they're gone. \$9.95



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JE. Silver Leatherback - Sterling silver leatherback sea turtle jewelry! Created by Wildthings in Massachusetts, this unique leatherback is available as a pendant on an 18" silver chain, a pair of dangle earrings, or on the ends of a bangle

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JF. Loggerhead Earrings - A sterling silver loggerhead sea turtle. Created by Wildthings, this sea turtle jewelry is available as a pair of dangle earrings. \$14.95

JG. Sea Turtle Bracelet - A row of sterling silver green sea turtles. Created by Wildthings, these turtles will wrap around your wrist to form a bracelet. \$29.95

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