

Desert Tortoise

Gopherus agassizii



Turtle or Tortoise?



- A tortoise dwells on the land with a high-domed shell.
 - ~Elephant-shaped legs, and goes in the water only to drink or bathe.
- A turtle lives in the water (aka pond turtles, sea turtles, musk turtles etc..)



Basic Information

- 8-15 lbs at sexual maturity
- 4-6" in height
- Lifespan is 80-100 years.
- One of three land dwelling turtles of the family *Testudinidae*
- Often mispronounced “dessert” tortoise, which is it’s delicious relative.

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