

# Habitat Model for Species: **Western Painted Turtle**

*Chrysemys picta bellii*

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## Landcover Category

### **0 - Comments**

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### Habitat Restrictions

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Platt: Variety of aquatic habitats. Occasionally found in surrounding terrestrial habitat when laying or moving from pond to pond. However, less often than some other turtles in my experience. Add Jackson Co. (Collins 1999, KHS Newsletter 116:14).

### **15 - Buttonbush (Swamp) Shrubland**

Collins, 1993

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### **32 - Bulrush Marsh**

Collins, 1993

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### **33 - Cattail Marsh**

Collins, 1993

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### **38 - Forb Playa Lake**

Collins, 1993

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### **39 - Pondweed Aquatic Wetland - not mapped**

Collins, 1993

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### **70 - Weedy Marsh**

Collins, 1993

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### **82 - Water (Lake)**

Collins, 1993

Clarke et al., 1958

Clarke, 1958

Capron, 1987

Fitch, 1958

Heinrich and Kaufman, 1985

Ernst et al., 1994

Cagle, 1950

Irwin and Collins, 1987

Lorraine, 1983

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ponds

Prefers slow-moving shallow water, as in ponds, marshes, lakes, sloughs, oxbows, and creeks. A soft bottom, basking trees and aquatic vegetation are

Had preference for static water and areas with floating aquatic vegetation.

Study at Cheyenne Bottoms, Kansas. prefers shallow, soft bottom ponds. Found in deep pool with stable water levels. Basks on drift wood.

oxbow, reservoir, pond

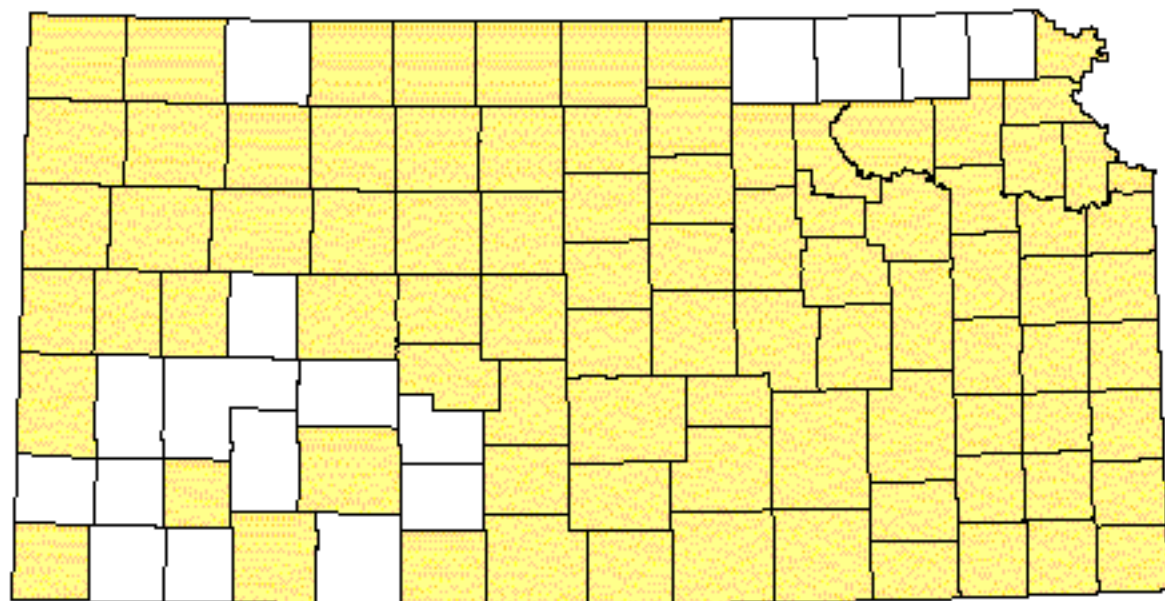
## **82 - Water (River)**


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Cagle, 1950	Had preference for static water and areas with floating aquatic vegetation.
[#Reviewer]	Distler: Collected from the Little Arkansas River near Amelia Earhart School and from the Ninnescah River, Sedgwick County Field Station.

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 Range from Collins, 1993

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