

Matamata turtle

Chelus fimbriata

Size: adult carapace length of up to 18 inches!

Habitat: Slow-moving rivers, swamps, muddy lakes, marshes

Predatory features:

ambush prey with long neck and vacuum-like mouth swallowing prey whole

Creature Feature Facts!

Matamata means "it kills, it kills" in Spanish

Chelus fimbriata is the only existing species of its genus!

The matamata's neck is longer than its vertebral!



Pop-up Matamata!

Directions:

- 1) Color (don't forget they are extremely camouflaged!)
- 2) Cut out Matamata
- 3) Cut the slit by tail
- 4) Pull left side of slit over until tail covers other tail
- 5) glue down

Yay!

CUT HERE

