

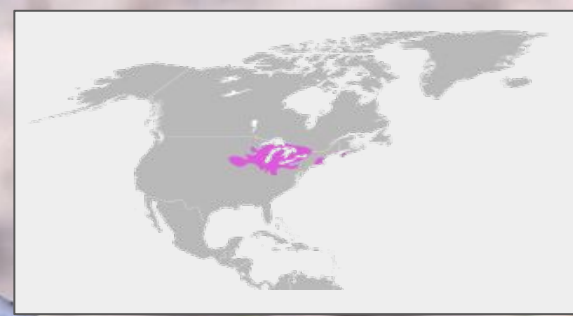
A Blanding's Turtle is shown from a side profile, resting on a surface of small, multi-colored gravel. The turtle's carapace is dark, almost black, with some lighter, brownish-orange markings. Its head is extended forward, showing a yellowish-orange throat and a dark, patterned head. The turtle's front leg is visible, showing a dark, scaly texture and sharp claws. The background is a blurred asphalt road.

Blanding's Turtle

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Habitat

- Blanding's turtles are native to North America
- They are mostly found in wetlands
- These turtles are frequently found in June, which is the egg laying season
- The habitat of the turtles extends from the Great Lakes in the Canadian province of Ontario to central Nebraska and Minnesota
- There are also isolated populations in New York and Nova Scotia



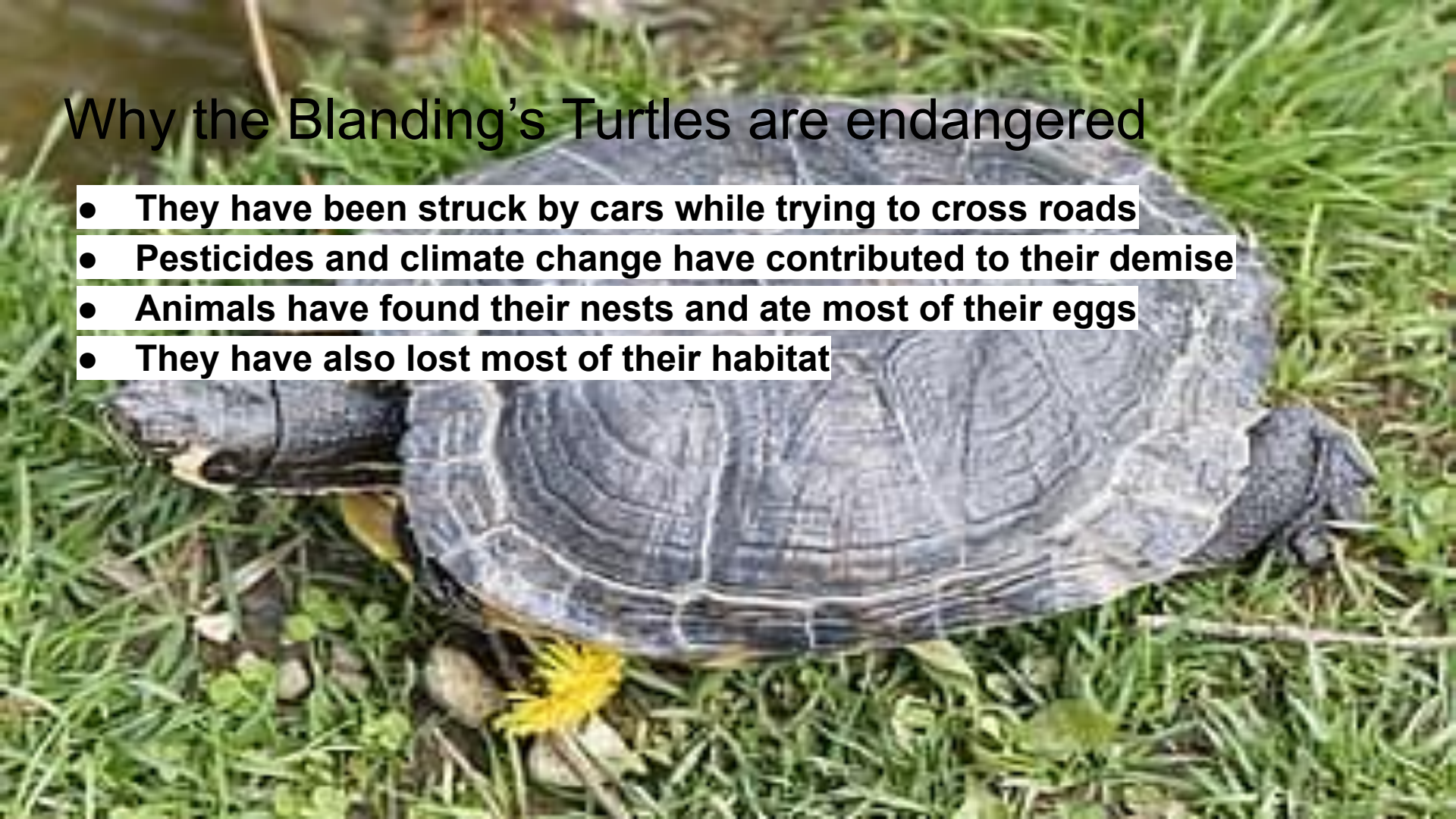
Food

- Blanding's Turtles are omnivorous
- They eat crustaceans, insects, snails, small fish, tadpoles, leeches, and plant material.
- Their food is mostly underwater
- The turtles are scavengers



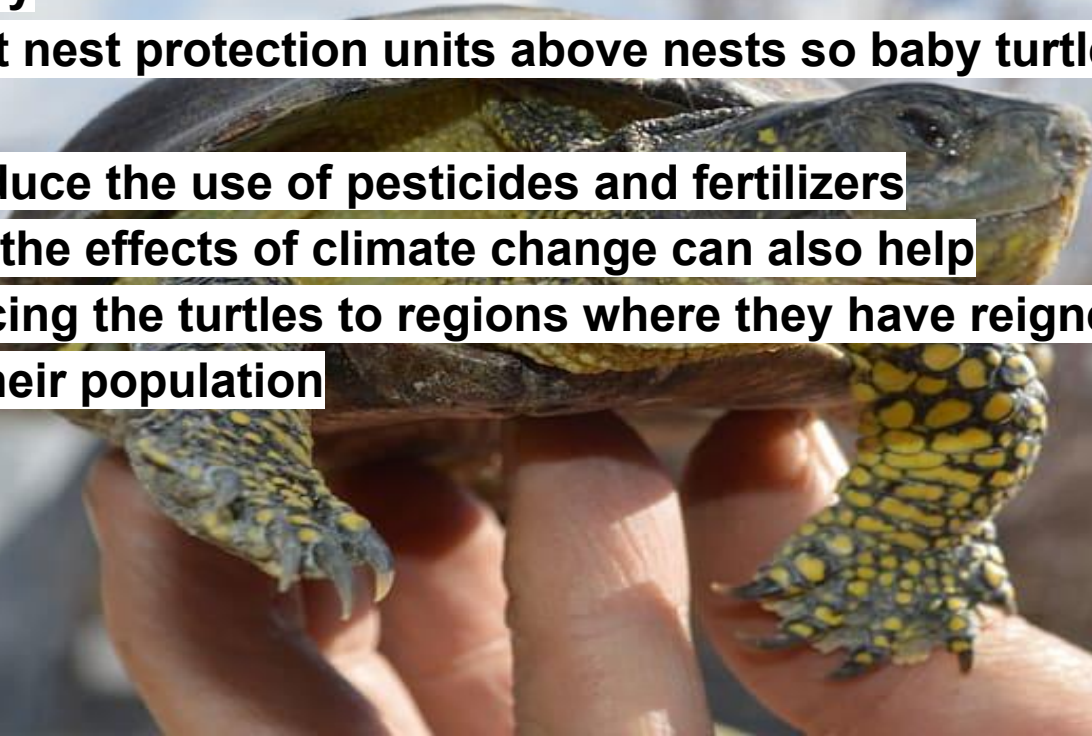
Why the Blanding's Turtles are endangered

- They have been struck by cars while trying to cross roads
- Pesticides and climate change have contributed to their demise
- Animals have found their nests and ate most of their eggs
- They have also lost most of their habitat



How can we prevent Blanding's Turtles from being extinct

- We can build animal tunnels or bridges so that the turtles can cross roads safely
- We can put nest protection units above nests so baby turtles won't be harmed
- We can reduce the use of pesticides and fertilizers
- Reversing the effects of climate change can also help
- Reintroducing the turtles to regions where they have reigned will increase their population



Population



- There are between 25,000 to 45,000. adult blanding's turtles in the wild.
- Their population is decreasing because humans started moving in and building roads.
- Many blanding's turtles make their nests in dry places

Sources

Wikipedia- Blanding's Turtles

Ontario Parks

World Wildlife Fund

Google



Thank you for listening to this presentation by the potatoes!

