Combining Historic and Recent Data to Identify Trends in Turtle Distribution

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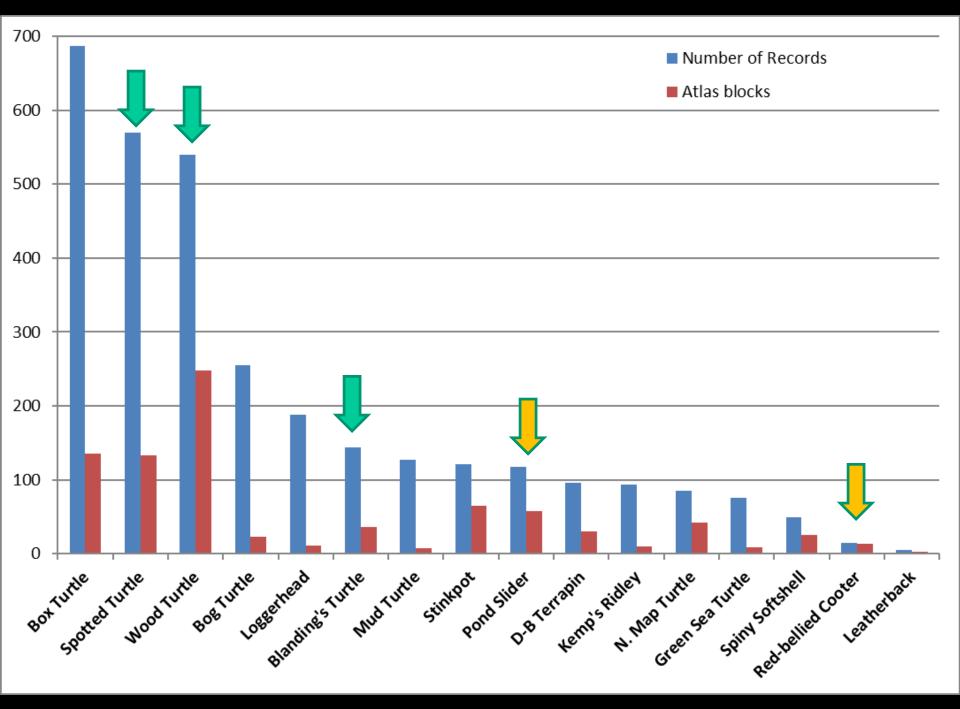
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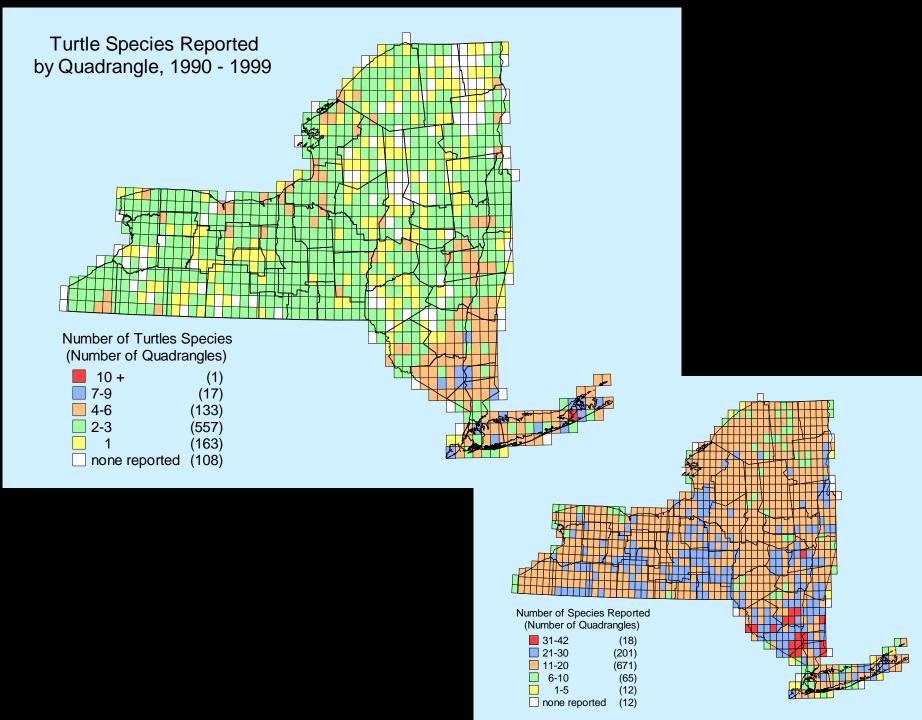
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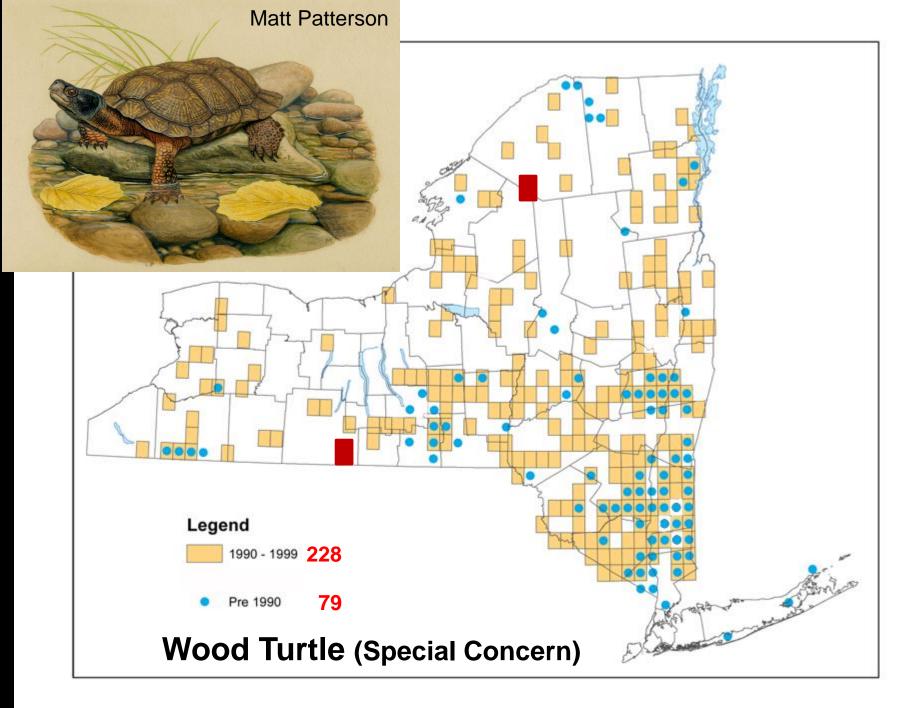


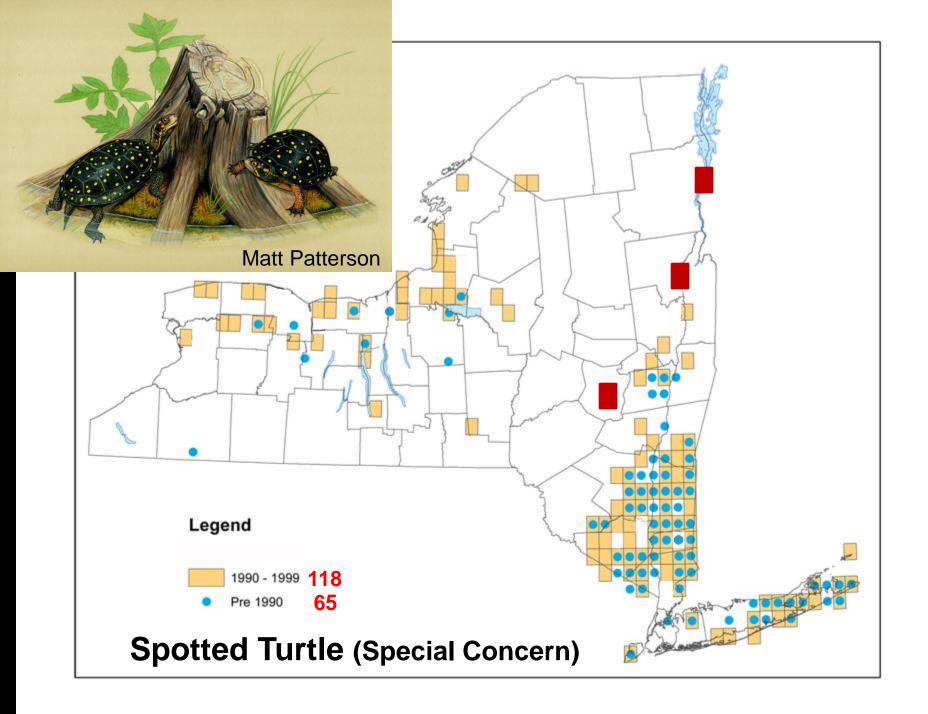
1990 to 1999 ~64,000 species reports

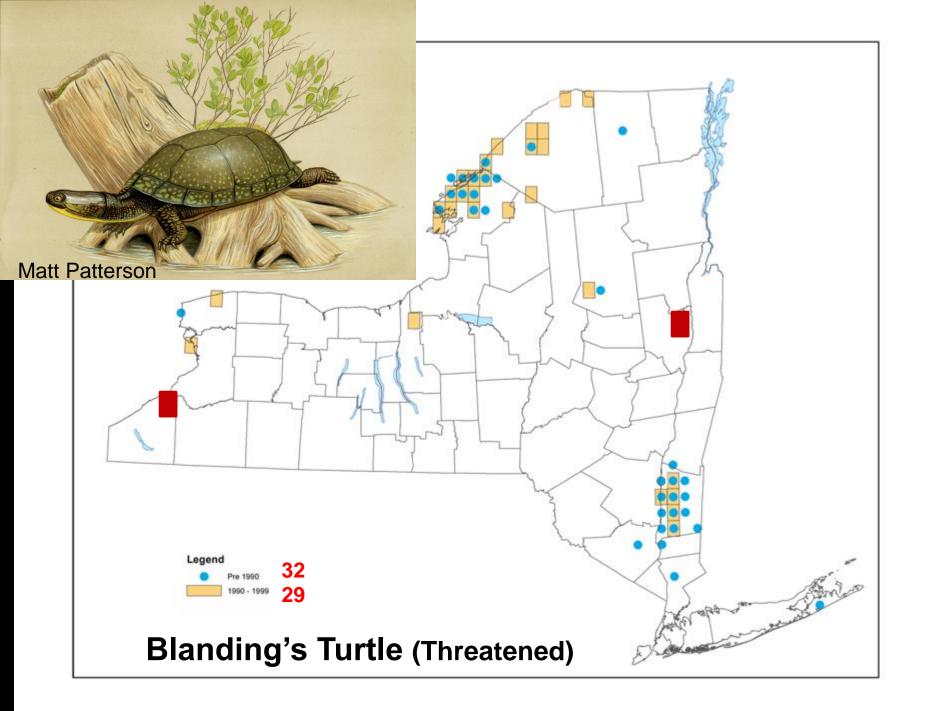
- ~35,000 pre-1990 records added
- Turtles reported in 89% of atlas blocks
- 7945 turtle reports were received 12.8% of total
 - 16 native + 2 introduced species of turtles





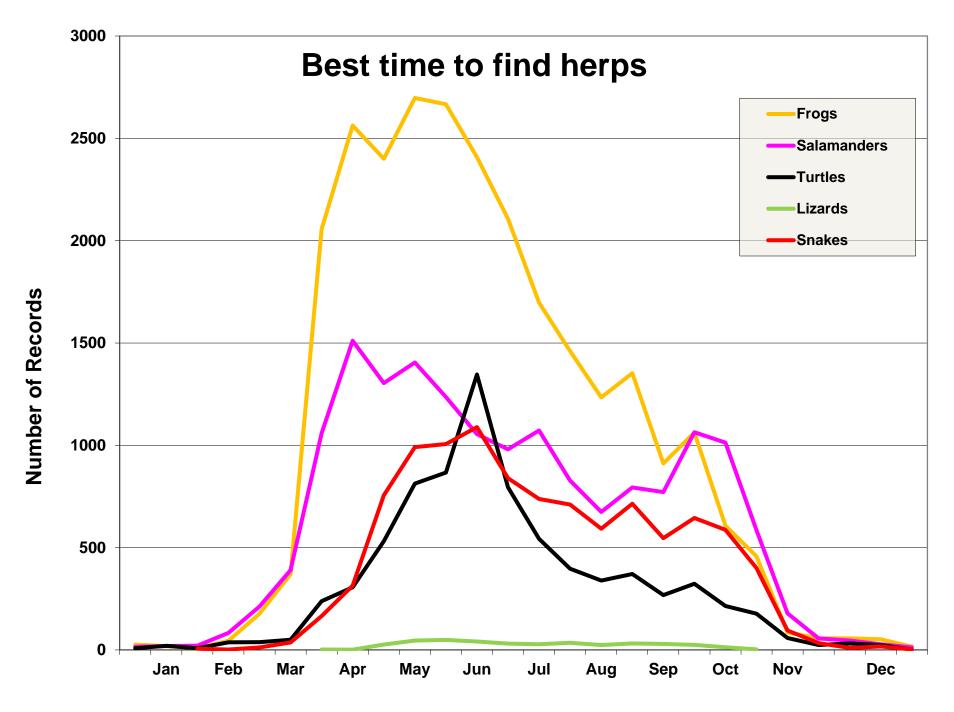




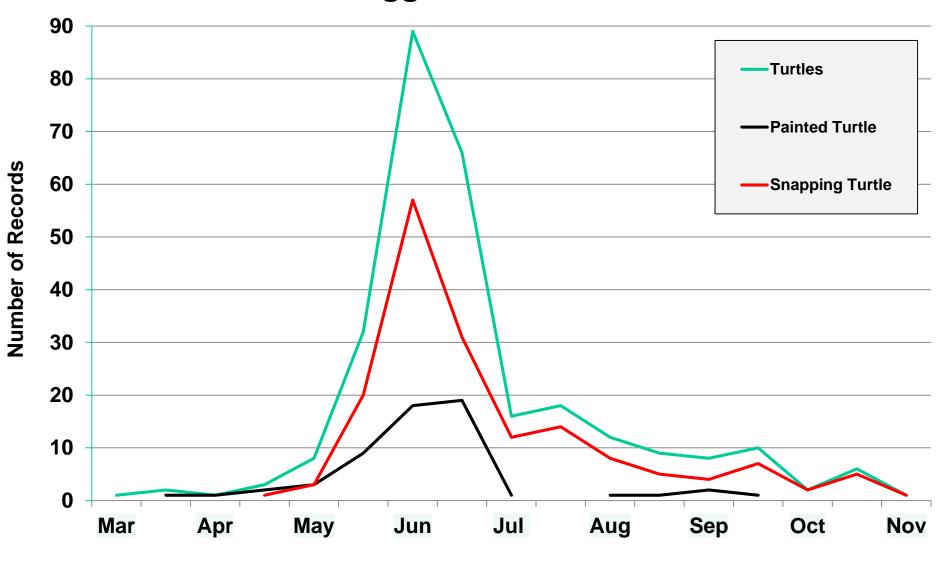


In addition to distribution, what else can we learn from herp atlas data?

- Every record lists the date
- Every record has verification codes associated with it



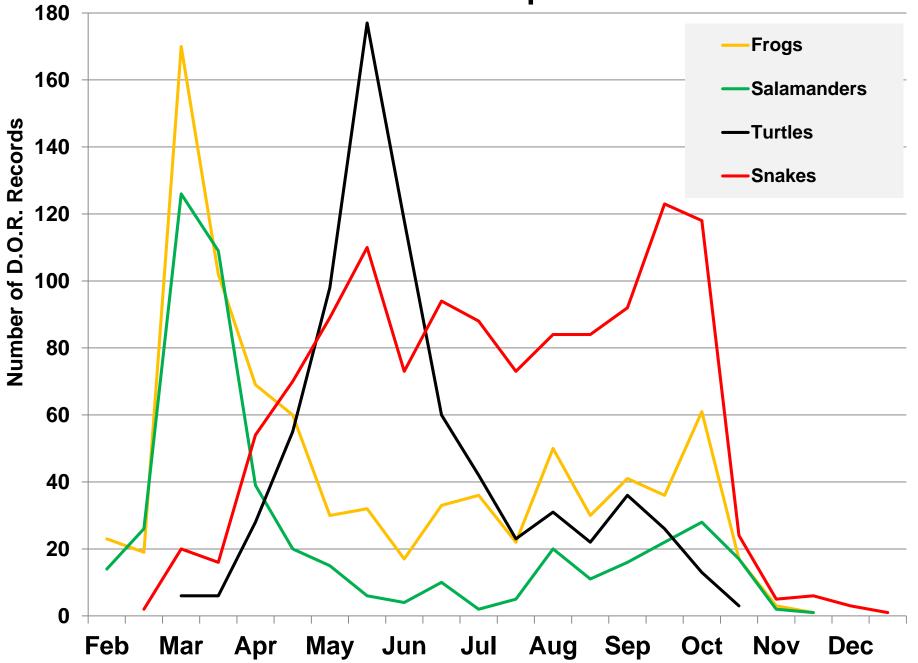
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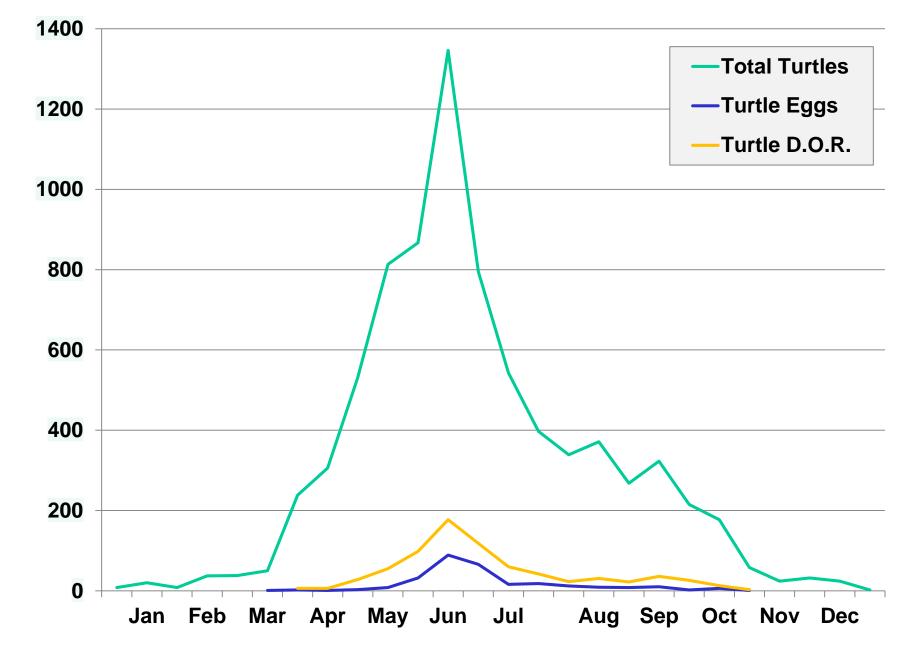




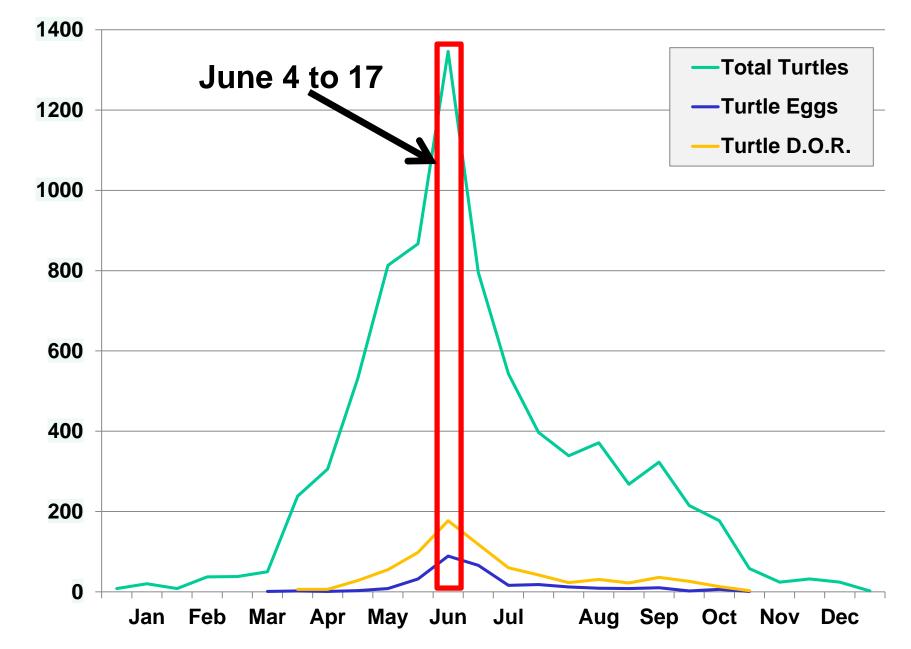
	Reports	D.O.R	%
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Lizards	399	-0-	-0-
Turtles	7,762	746	9.2%
Snakes	10,255	1,231	11.2%
Salamanders	14,393	499	3.3%
Frogs	26,341	858	3.1%

Roadkill Herps





Number of records



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