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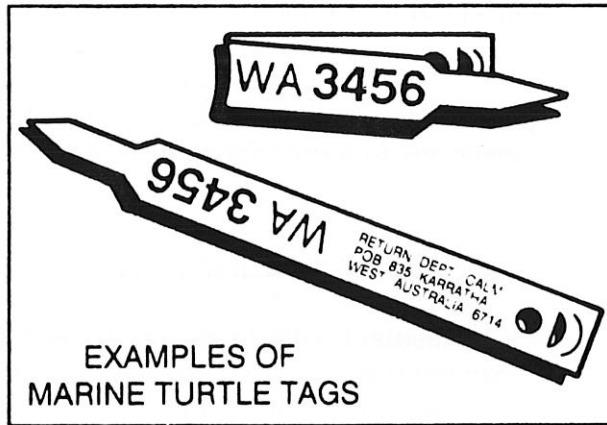
# Marine Turtle Tagging



A long term study of marine turtles nesting on the north and north-west coasts of Western Australia is now underway.

The Department of Conservation and Land Management are tagging adult turtles using titanium metal tags attached to the trailing edge of one or both of the turtles fore-flippers.

Tags will be similar to those used previously in other parts of Australia, but will be identified by a sequence of numbers prefixed by the letters "WA" followed by four or more numbers, e.g. WA 3456. The reverse of the tag will carry the return address.



Should you come across one of our tagged turtles, please record the number on the tag(s), along with the information such as date, time, place and circumstances and forward to the above address. If the turtle is alive please leave the tag(s) on when you release it. Tags can be removed from dead turtles and forwarded with your information. If you find turtles carrying different tags, it would be appreciated by that tagging agency if a similar reporting procedure is followed. CALM would also appreciate advice of your find.

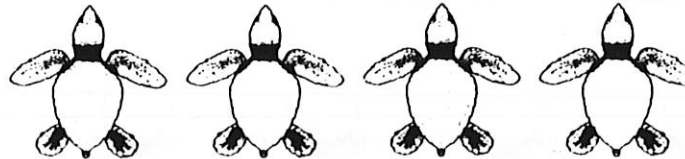
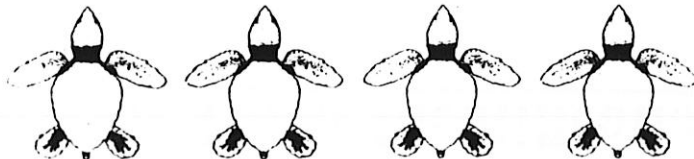
If you require further details, you could send photographs similar to the diagrams in the Marine Turtle Guide to the address below or telephone the Wildlife Research Centre on (09) 405 5100.

The Department of Conservation and Land Management greatly appreciates your interest, help and co-operation in the project.



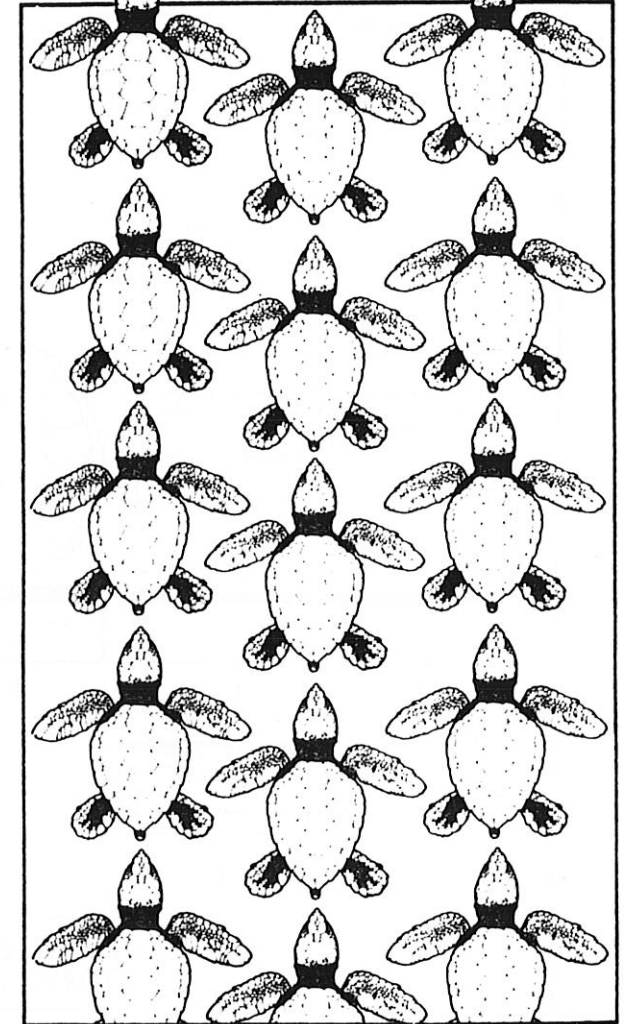
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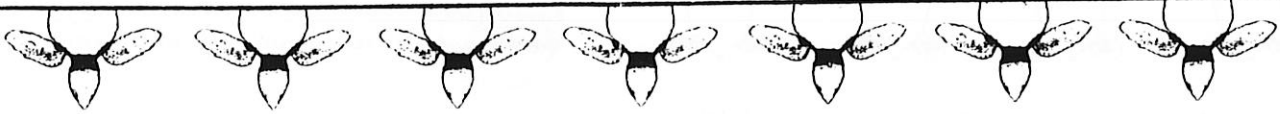
# Marine Turtle Identification & Tagging

## Tagging



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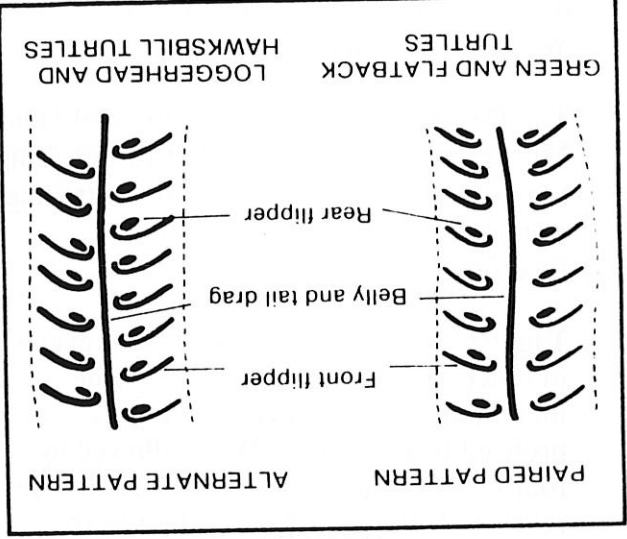
# Marine Turtle Identification



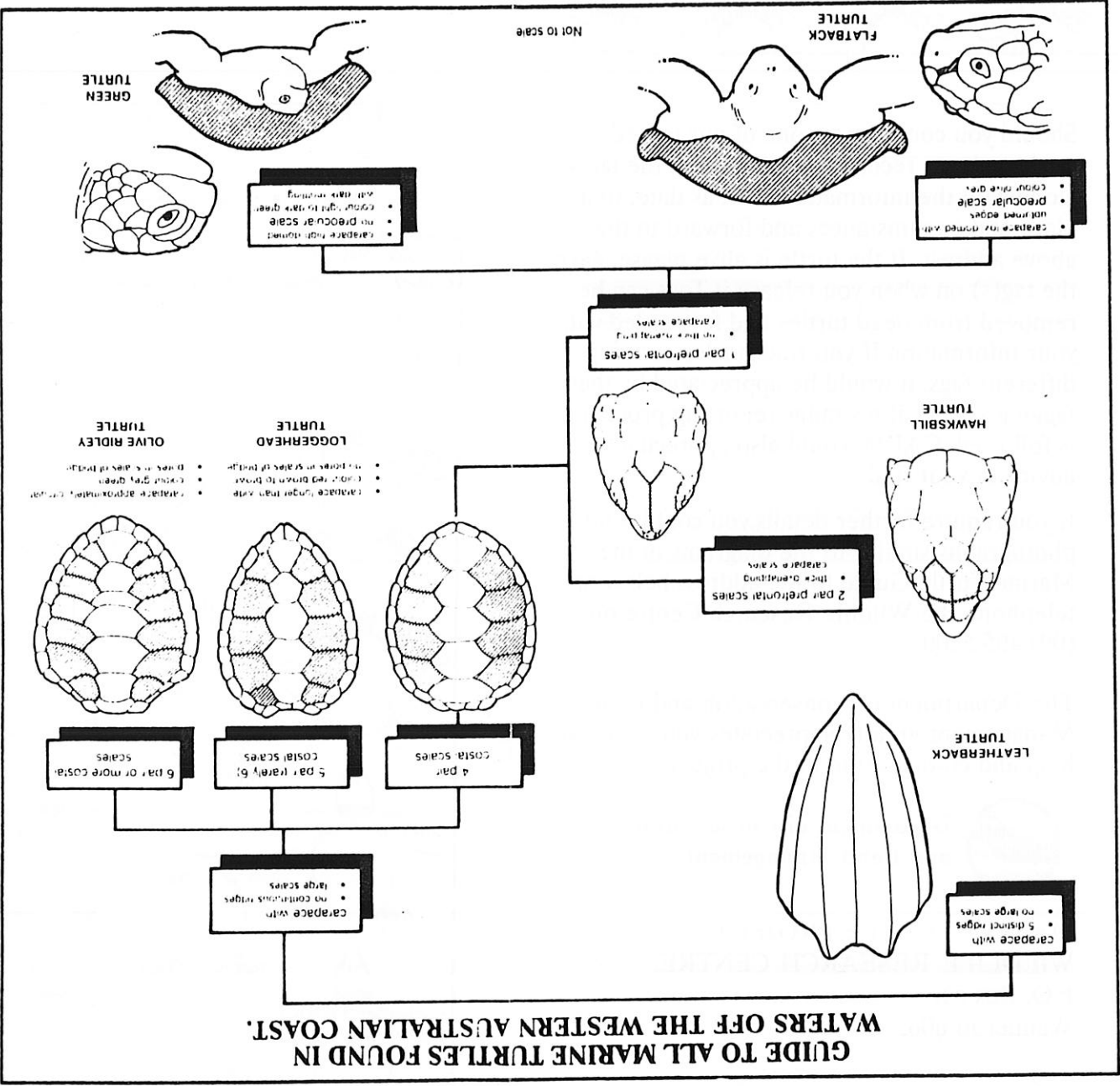
The four species of marine turtles most commonly found in the waters off the north-west coast of Western Australia are the Green (*Chelonia mydas*), Flatback (*Naturator depressus*), Loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) and Hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*).

These turtles can be identified by the shape and markings on the shell (or carapace) and by markings on the head.

They can also be identified by the tracks the adult female makes on the beach when she comes ashore to lay her eggs.



## GUIDE TO ALL MARINE TURTLES FOUND IN WATERS OFF THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COAST.



GREEN TURTLE

FLATBACK TURTLE

HAWKSBILL TURTLE

LEATHERBACK TURTLE

OLIVE RIDLEY TURTLE

LOGGERHEAD TURTLE