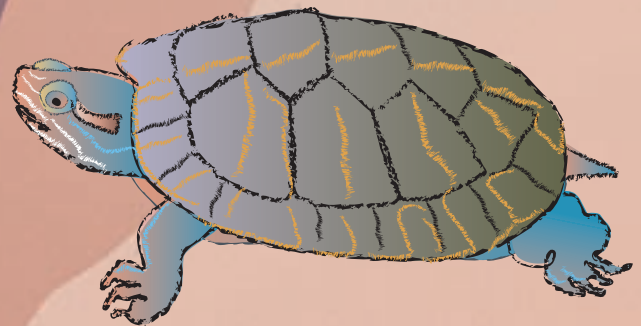


# Human Footprints on the Web of Life

## Biodiversity and Increasing Population and Development in California

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- ❖ Why does California lead the country in endangered species—why are so many reptiles and amphibians in decline?
- ❖ Learn about the California lizard that keeps Lyme disease in check and the butterflies that prevented development on San Bruno Mountain
- ❖ California faces growing economic costs from fire ants, Asian clams, and other aggressive invasive species
- ❖ The megamouth shark occurs off our coast, but was not discovered until 1976—what else do we still not know?
- ❖ How will California's spreading asphalt (already 5 million acres) affect future biodiversity?



**Thursday**  
**August 28, 2003,**  
**7:00 pm**  
**USGS, Conference**  
**Room A, Bldg 3,**  
**Menlo Park, California**

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