







## Largest Ever 100-Pound Snapping Turtle Captured in Florida, Photos Revealed

Wildlife conservationists in Florida stumbled across an enormous species of turtle that looks like it crawled out of a monster movie.

Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission captured three Suwannee alligator snapping turtles last week, including one that weighed 100 pounds.

The massive reptiles, known formally as *Macrochelys suwanniensis*, are a new species, according to a post on the FWC Facebook page.

The 100-pound male and a 46-pound female were found in a hoop net trap in the New River, north of Gainesville, along with another 64-pound male found in a trap nearby.



A 100-pound male Suwannee alligator snapping turtle being returned its habitat. Conservationists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission found the reptile, along with two others, in hoop net traps laid in the New River, north of Gainesville

