Distribution of Endangered Turtle Species in Maine

This is a map showing the ranges of the three endangered terrestrial turtles in Maine. The three turtles are Blanding's Turtle, Box Turtle, and the Eastern Painted Turtle (www.maine.gov/ifw).

Information on turtle ranges was found from the PEARL database (www.pearl.maine.edu). The ranges of turtles that PEARL showed were based off of townships. Their data came from viewings by Maine citizens, dating from 1976 to the present. The layers of the townships and of the rivers and streams in Maine were found off of the Maine Office of GIS website (www.megis.maine.gov). This map uses the coordinate system of North American Datum 1983, Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 19N.

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