

Gopher Tortoise

Construction Environmental Fact Sheet

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 9–15 inches in length as adults
- Stumpy hind feet & shovel-like forelimbs
- Yellow-orange as juveniles
- Tan, brown, or grey as adults
- Dig deep burrows in the ground
- Burrows act as shelter for many other species



THREATENED SPECIES



- Permits required to relocate
 - Keep 25ft from burrows
 - They do **NOT** swim
 - Do **NOT** harass them or block the burrow entrance
 - Do **NOT** touch
- Violators face third-degree felony
 - Punishable by up to 5 years in prison, a \$5,000 fine, or both

REPORT SIGHTINGS

- Report healthy, sick, injured or dead tortoise at: MyFWC.com/GopherTortoise

