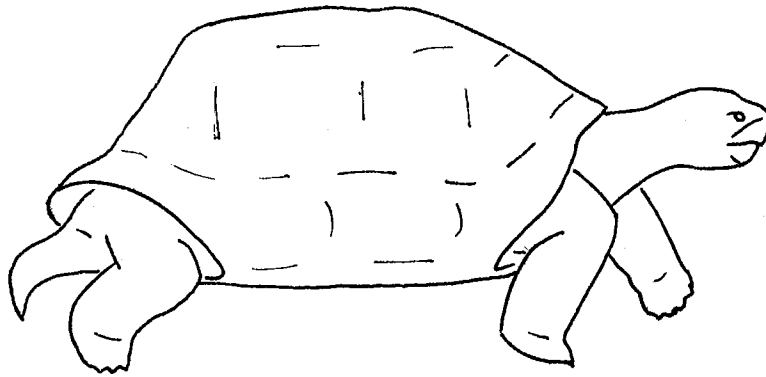


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INTRODUCTION

There are many species of animals whose present day existence is dependent upon man's attempts to insure their survival. One such example is the giant tortoise endemic to the Galapagos Islands. These tortoises are now extinct on all but six of the larger islands, and even these populations are threatened with extinction.

Due to the early work of Darwin (1875) and the uniqueness of the Galapagos fauna, international attention has been focused on these islands for further exploration and study. Through the combined conservation and management efforts of the Charles Darwin Research Station (CDRS) and the Galapagos National Park Service, research and study of this environment is being continued. As a result, the surviving populations of giant tortoise have stabilized, and some are returning to their former abundance.

Papers resulting from these studies provide interesting information for the novice and pertinent data for the scientist regarding the life histories of Galapagos fauna. The giant tortoise is an endangered animal and all information concerning it is of significance. This bibliography is intended to serve as a reference tool for those interested in the giant tortoise. It contains articles covering many aspects of tortoise natural history.

In obtaining material for the bibliography, I attempted to include all technical and popular articles where new data or insights were given. The bibliography is complete through 1984. I hope this bibliography will be useful in providing essential information for those interested in the Galapagos giant tortoise.

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