Reserve your Gopher **Tortoise License Plate Today!**



Each purchase supports gopher tortoise conservation

The gopher tortoise (Gopherus polyphemus) is a threatened species in the state of Florida, primarily due to loss of upland habitat. Generated funds from this specialty license plate will be used for gopher tortoise habitat conservation, habitat management, education, and research.

Plates will be produced after 3,000 vouchers are bought

The gopher tortoise plate, with artwork by Matt Patterson, will be produced once 3,000 vouchers have been purchased. Vouchers cost \$33 each, of which \$25 will directly go towards gopher tortoise conservation.

Eligibility for the specialty license plate

If you hold a valid Florida Driver's License or have a Florida-registered vehicle you are eligible to purchase vouchers for your car, truck, trailer, or RV! Vouchers can be purchased at any time, you do not need to wait until your registration renewal date to order one.

Purchase your gopher tortoise license plate

Scan the QR code or visit https://wildlandsconservation.org/gopher-tortoise-license-plate to purchase your voucher today! The link also gives you more information about the gopher tortoise and how you can help with their conservation.





More Information on the **Speciality License Plate**

- Wildlands Conservation is now accepting orders for the specialty gopher tortoise plate! In order to bring awareness to the plight of the gopher tortoise, they have created this specialty license plate and will use the generated funds for gopher tortoise habitat conservation. habitat management, and research. With your help, we can help protect gopher tortoises and their upland habitat!
- Specialty license plates have been an essential part of the conservation strategy for other Florida species including the manatee. Florida panther, and sea turtles, and we wish to add the gopher tortoise to this list. The gopher tortoise is a threatened species in the state of Florida, primarily due to the loss of upland habitat. A keystone species, gopher tortoises dig burrows that are used by more than 360 other animal species, including some that would not live anywhere else.
- Inspired by wildlife rehabber Chelsey Vowles, the idea for the plate formed after she witnessed countless gopher tortoises being killed and injured while trying to cross the road. Chelsey's passion for healing and helping tortoises was the spark necessary to get the license plate started.
- The annual fees from the sale of the plate will be distributed to Wildlands Conservation to fun research, education, and conservation. as well as upland habitat protection, restoration, and management in Florida to benefit the gopher tortoise and other upland species. Up to 10% of the funds received by Wildlands Conservation may be used for the marketing of the plate and costs directly associated with the administration of the gopher tortoise license plate program. Wildlands Conservation will use and distribute funds to eligible Florida-based scientific, conservation, and educational organizations for the gopher tortoise, commensal species, and upland habitat research, conservation, and management through a grants program.

