

## **Biology and Conservation of Alligator Snapping Turtles (*Macrochelys*)**

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### **DEDICATION**

To the memory of Peter C.H. Pritchard (1943–2020),  
In recognition of his seminal book *The Alligator Snapping Turtle* (1989), and his  
lifetime of valuable contributions to global turtle biology and conservation. In  
particular, we honor Peter for his infectious curiosity, charisma, generosity, and  
humanity; especially his deep commitment to the nurturing and encouragement of  
aspiring turtle biologists and conservationists everywhere.



Peter Pritchard at home in Oviedo, FL, demonstrating the normal greeting of a *Macrochelys* to humans when out of the water, October 2012. Photo © Turtle Conservancy/Maximilian Maurer.