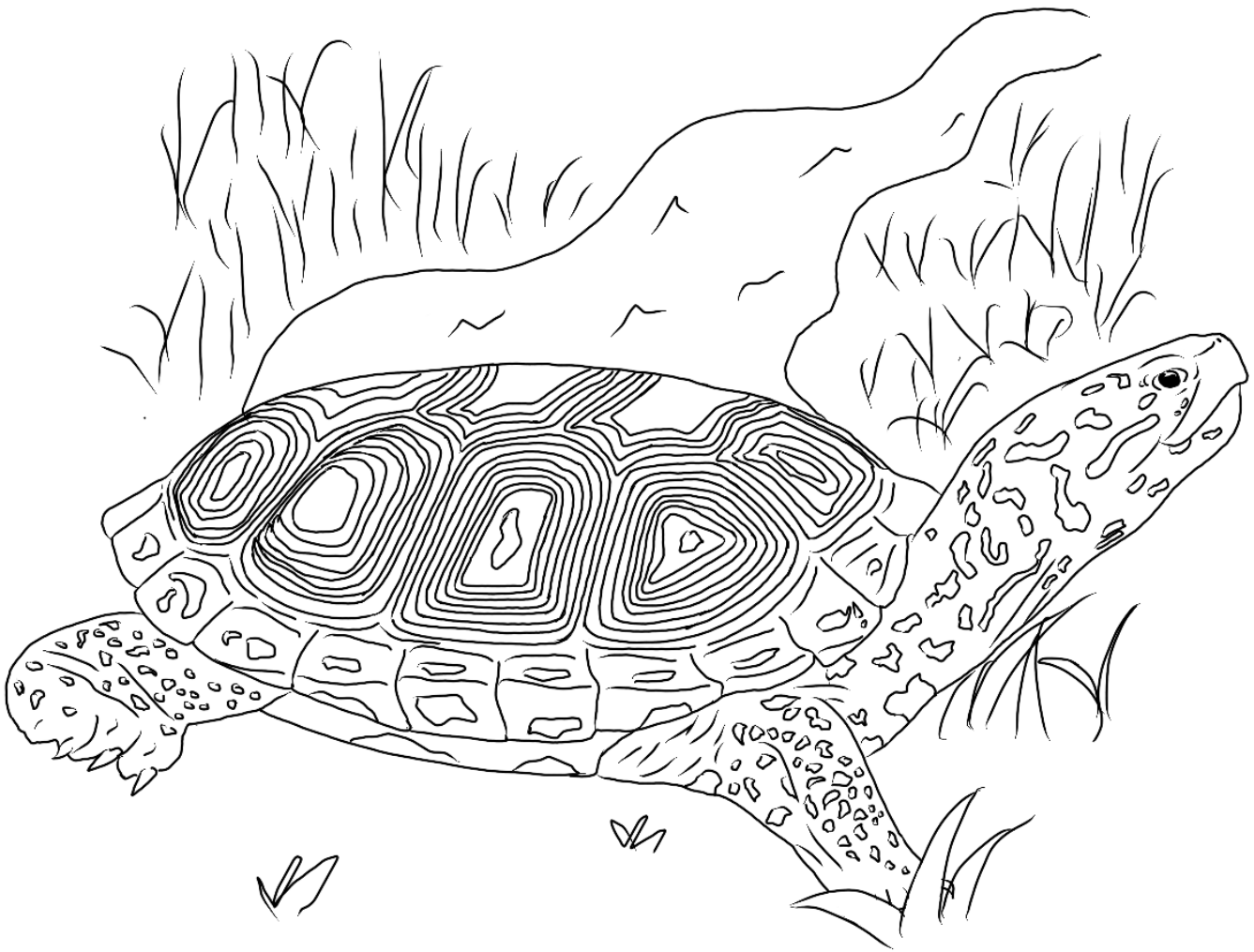


Diamondback Terrapin

Malaclemys terrapin

Diamondback terrapins are a species of turtle native to the brackish tidal marshes of the coastal eastern United States, ranging from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, to the southern tip of Florida and across to Texas. Their shell patterns vary widely among individuals, with each terrapin having freckled skin and wide, webbed back feet used for swimming. Diamondback Terrapins feed on fish, snails, clams and mussels. This diet has led to the adaptation of a thicker beak, making some individuals appear to have a small mustache on their face! While they look cute, like all turtle species, these terrapins are better served by being left alone in their salty habitats.



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