

## TURTLE FAMILIES OF THE WORLD

*Remember that you should be able to identify specimens to family by external morphological characteristics alone.* Do not rely upon coloration and pattern characteristics since these are often bleached out in preserved specimens. Typical coloration and patterning also tends to vary greatly in nature. Know **Distribution** and **Representative Forms** information contained in the Chelonia handout, *even if there are not representative specimens in our Collection.*

Cryptodira	Pleurodira
Pelomedusidae	Dermochelidae
Podocnemidae	Chelonidae
Chelidae*	Chelydridae
	Kinosternidae
	Dermatemydidae*
	Trionychidae
	Carettochelidae*
	Bataguridae
	Emydidae

\*= no specimens for this family represented in our collection.

### Phylogenetic Relationships of the Turtle Families

