

# Basking versus non-basking tortoises: What's the difference?



## Basking tortoise:

- Direct sunlight
- Open, hot, dry locations
- Species include: Mediterranean, Chaco, Spider, Star, Sulcata, Leopard, Gopher, Radiated tortoise



## Non-basking tortoise:

- Filtered sunlight
- Tropical forests, grasslands and forest fringes
- Species include: Redfoot, Yellowfoot, Impressed, Elongated, Hingeback tortoise, various box turtle species



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