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## South Carolina State Parks

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Edisto Beach State Park sea turtle patrol had a very rare find during a routine nest inventory. Three to five days after a sea turtle nest shows signs of a major emergence, we dig down to determine the success of the nest by counting the hatched eggs, unhatched eggs and on occasions also find live hatchlings. While performing an inventory this past Wednesday, patrollers and volunteers found three alive loggerhead sea turtle hatchlings still in the chamber, but one hatchling in particular stood out because it had two heads! This two-headed hatchling is the result of a genetic mutation. Other two-headed hatchlings have been found in South Carolina in past years, but this is a first for the patrol team at Edisto Beach State Park. After a few photos, this hatchling, along with the two others found, were released into the ocean.



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**Jan Mason** Andrea Andie Dick 100% mortality rate in the wild. In captivity it is still very low but depends on a lot of factors like the degree of separation and organ deformities. I think the oldest recorded turtle with two heads was 75?

at 23:25:22 on 7/26/2021 UTC *(hidden)*



**Jan Mason** Aw man. That's a 0% survival rate in the wild. I'd die to find one of these babies.

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at 23:26:50 on 7/26/2021 UTC



**Jan Mason** Erin Jean Hanson lol humans have disturbed every corner of this planet.

at 23:30:09 on 7/26/2021 UTC



**Kellie Bates** Dusty Jenkins

at 23:37:47 on 7/26/2021 UTC



**Bay Lee** Brett Stepanski

at 23:43:30 on 7/26/2021 UTC



**Angela Dusenbery** Hey. The Real Teenage Mutant Ninja 🥷 Lol.

Poor dear probably that way from all our pollution we dumped in it's ocean. Shame on us. 😞

at 23:52:35 on 7/26/2021 UTC



**Betty McGalliard** Haley Ostreko we saw a nest hatch years ago on Edisto.

at 0:06:31 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Nancy White Wilson** Michelle Clark 0%

at 0:14:53 on 7/27/2021 UTC

**Nancy White Wilson** Should have been kept at aquarium place better chance of survival and teach kids & adults



at 0:15:58 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Mary Katherine** Stephanie Benbow

at 1:21:01 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Carolyn Lee** Holly Anne Spurlock most baby sea turtles don't survive anyway.....

at 2:02:31 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Cassandra Zutelija** Lisa McDonald-Rock

at 3:50:37 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Lisa McDonald-Rock** Cassandra Zutelija that's so cool

at 4:07:03 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Laura Holland** Nancy White Wilson sure it's chances are slim, but predators also depend on prey to keep the balance in life.

at 4:11:30 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Laura Holland** Lisa Meyers Burdette no, he probably got swallowed by a nice redfish shortly after release.

at 4:12:38 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Nancy White Wilson** Laura Holland I have to disagree

Why try to help when actually they did not help him they gave him the death sentence

We could of learned from that one

at 4:12:55 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Laura Holland** Nancy White Wilson genetic mutation is something scientists are already fully aware of. This is no science project. This is mother nature. Leave it ALONE.

at 4:15:47 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Laura Holland** They are only collecting data from an already hatched nest. This turtle was found still buried in the nest and would have died anyway and left for the birds or some kids sand castle. Thank them for uncovering it and giving it a taste of the water.

at 4:18:11 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Kimberly Yount** Holly Anne Spurlock whether you like it or not Erin Jean Hanson is correct.....how do you think wild animals survive?They aren't all vegetarians

at 4:21:12 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Cheyenne Hand** Holly Anne Spurlock honestly, the chances of this hatchling surviving even in captivity is close to none. Also, if it does, it's most likely gonna have a ton of health issues. Plus it will never be fit for release. So I don't see the harm in letting another animal live off of it. It's the circle of life.

at 5:14:40 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Alexis Kingsley** Carolyn Lee exactly. 1 out of every 1000 turtle babies survive. The other 999 don't. So it wasn't likely anyway.

at 6:15:31 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Jimmy Pham** Amanda Nguyen

at 8:36:42 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Jo Tennant** Jaye Fisher - agree not a mutation - most likely co-joined twin where the zygote did not divide correctly at an early stage of development x

at 10:35:40 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Sara Belle Pliscosky** Erin Jean Hanson if that's the case, it wouldn't have made it out of the nest without " human disturbance " 🙄👩

at 11:13:10 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Caleb Britt** Jessica Eaddy whoa!  
at 13:43:51 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Kati Nease LePew** Linda Neal this is so cool!  
at 13:56:31 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Sam Miller** Angela Dusenbery



at 14:26:07 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Tonya M. Bechtold** Holly Anne Spurlock Animals with genetic mutations like this usually only live about 1 to 3 days, he will wind up being food for some sort of fish or shark. But this is an exact reason why evolution is not true, because mutants die and they do not proliferate. Which is why we don't see 100,000 to head out any things running around. Just wanted to make that point for any atheistic evolution airy Siri supporters who might be reading this in the future

at 16:11:25 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Tonya M. Bechtold** Pam Wright It's not a good thing though, this little baby will die within a few days

at 16:11:51 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Tonya M. Bechtold** Nancy White Wilson Even if he had been kept under close supervision in a protected environment, these genetically mutated animals usually only live from about 1 to 3 days. I know Man and Brandon South Dakota who has a major car collection but in his display garage, he has a two headed calf that only lived about three days, he had it taken to the taxidermist

at 16:13:26 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Bob Merrick** They make it to the water to be fish food and bird food. Seriously, it's like they are a blueberry bush for people. Same thing...

at 16:30:00 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Linda Neal** Wow! We saw lots of marked nests last week!

at 17:30:11 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**MaKenzie Nicole** Nathan Manley

at 17:36:22 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Jennifer VanValkinburgh** Jennifer Malago this is a conservation group. They are usually highly monitored and they generally do this job because they are interested in conserving the natural order of things. There's no reason they would risk felony charges just to keep a "cool

2 headed turtle".  
at 20:13:03 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Amy Peduto** Jeff Grady  
at 21:57:38 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Jurgen JeBuurman** Tonya M. Bechtold you really are stupid when you don't believe in evolution these days. <https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/64300/6-animals-are-rapidly-evolving>  
<https://www.discovermagazine.com/planet-earth/rapid-evolution-changes-species-in-real-time>  
How would all the animals we know now fit in a a boat and how would Noah get everything together Tonya? How?☺



at 23:27:53 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Tonya M. Bechtold** Jurgen JeBuurman For arguments sake, let's say that you do know half of everything there is to know about God or even our earth and all the animals. Is it possible that what you don't know exist in the other 50%? I would say it is a resounding yes. I could go on and on and on and I have websites as well. Creation science museum by Ken Ham would be a great place to start. Thanks are absolutely amazing. The first animals that God created in the first humans, Contained all of the necessary genetic material to make every size shape and color of hair, eyes, body shape, etc. etc. etc.  
at 23:30:23 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Tonya M. Bechtold** God is infinite and He is infinitely more intelligent than you or me, that we are like mere ants in trying to even comprehend his greatness and His Power!  
at 23:31:43 on 7/27/2021 UTC



**Patty Harley Ravenel** They should have kept that one! It will be bullied ☺  
at 4:33:54 on 7/28/2021 UTC



**Mary Powers** Are they dead ?  
at 6:10:00 on 7/28/2021 UTC



**Sarah McGill Brown** Wouldn't you technically call it two turtles with a conjoined body? Speaking as a twin myself (though not conjoined)...  
at 16:23:46 on 7/28/2021 UTC



**DJ-Crystal Miller** Marcy Cooper  
at 18:18:08 on 7/28/2021 UTC

**Shonda Baker** Nancy White Wilson Do you realize that only 4 or 5 babies live out of a nest.



It's the circle of live.  
at 2:27:11 on 7/29/2021 UTC



**Nina Marie Simpson** Jonathan Simpson Daphne Seymour Diana Marie Varn  
at 9:57:34 on 7/29/2021 UTC



**Diana Marie Varn** Nina Marie Simpson I've never seen that before.  
at 12:38:06 on 7/29/2021 UTC



**Shelby McCoy** Katrina Caler  
at 17:08:47 on 7/29/2021 UTC



**Kelly Birds** Patty Harley Ravenel by whom?  
at 4:50:52 on 7/30/2021 UTC



**Kelly Birds** Holly Anne Spurlock two sets of eyes might actually prove a successful turtle  
at 4:51:31 on 7/30/2021 UTC



**Holly Anne Spurlock** Kelly Birds we can always hope. Yes I know most don't survive, which is why people have had to get involved to make sure they can nest and the babies can run to the water. I'm a turtle lover since i was a little girl, Collected turtles, have turtle jewelry, and even a turtle tattoo. Idk why, I've been that way as long as I can remember. Yes, I'm the woman stopping traffic for a turtle to finish crossing the road too ;)   
at 5:08:21 on 7/30/2021 UTC



**Marian Katarina** Edwina Mathis  
at 11:25:48 on 7/30/2021 UTC



**Christy Williams** if he survives, he will always have company!  
at 16:55:06 on 8/05/2021 UTC



**Lisa Garanflo** Sadly, any mutation like this usually represents a radical genetic change. Frogs are our canaries in the coal mine. When frogs & reptiles start to exhibit these sad mutations, it shows something is wrong in the animal's environment. We all know the chemicals in the ocean are reaching levels that can be almost impossible to reduce. Please try to eliminate one item packaged in plastic every month. Bit by bit, we can bvb all do something  
at 1:22:41 on 9/23/2021 UTC