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Animal Fact Sheet

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American Alligator

Alligator mississippiensis

The American alligator (Alligator mississippiensis) is a formidable reptilian inhabitant of the Southeastern United States, thriving in freshwater environments such as swamps, marshes, rivers, and la…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Alligatoridae
Habitat: Freshwater wetlands, swamps, marshes, rivers, lakes
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 35-50 years in the wild
Weight: 200-500 kg (440-1,100 lbs)
Scientific name: Alligator mississippiensis

Did you know?

- Despite their fearsome reputation, American alligators are known to exhibit parental care, with mothers guarding their nests and helping hatchlings r…
- American alligators have been around for over 150 million years, surviving the extinction event that wiped out the dinosaurs. Unlike most reptiles, t…

What I learned

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