

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## American Alligator

*Alligator mississippiensis*

The American alligator is a large, semi-aquatic reptile native to the southeastern United States. Recognized by its broad snout and armored, lizard-like body, this apex predator inhabits freshwater w...

### 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 can replace each of their 74-80 teeth up to 50 times during their lifetime. They use vocalizations—such as bellows—to communicate...

### What I learned

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