

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Cuvier's Dwarf Caiman

*Paleosuchus palpebrosus*

Cuvier's Dwarf Caiman is the smallest living species of crocodylian, native to freshwater habitats of northern and central South America. It is characterized by a broad, short snout and heavily armor...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Reptile

**Family:** Alligatoridae

**Habitat:** Freshwater rivers, streams, flooded forests, and swamps

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 25-40 years

**Weight:** 6-7 kg (13-15 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Paleosuchus palpebrosus*

### Did you know?

- Despite their fierce appearance, Cuvier's Dwarf Caimans are sometimes kept as exotic pets due to their manageable size and relatively shy nature.
- Cuvier's Dwarf Caiman has some of the toughest skin among crocodylians due to its heavy dorsal armor. Juveniles can climb over obstacles and even low...

### What I learned

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