

Animal Fact Sheet

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Yacare caiman

Caiman yacare

The yacare caiman is a medium-sized crocodylian native to central South America, particularly thriving in the wetlands, rivers, and marshes of Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, and Argentina. Sporting a rob...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Alligatoridae

Habitat: Freshwater wetlands, rivers, and marshes

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 30-50 years

Weight: 25-60 kg

Scientific name: *Caiman yacare*

Did you know?

- Yacare caimans are known to use tools, such as balancing sticks on their snouts to lure birds within striking distance.
- Yacare caimans are sometimes called the 'piranha caiman' because their teeth interlock in a way that is reminiscent of piranha fish. They can often b...

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