

Fascinating Facts!

Fact 1

American Alligators have glow in the dark eyes and they can see perfectly in the dark. This would be good for a night time predator!

Fact 2

They have lived for 150 million years.
Wow that is long!



Did You Know?

American Alligators live 35 to 50 years!
It also weighs over 1000 pounds!
It is 10 to 15 feet!
THAT IS TALL!

Introduction

The American Alligator is a powerful marine creature that pounces on its prey. The mighty alligator can be called a *Mississippiensis* (the name in latin). It has roamed the American waters for a long period of time and the marine animal is one of the most feared carnivores to date lurking in fresh-water rivers and streams. If you want to know more, you will have to read on...



A Scaly beast

The American Alligator is definitely one! This is because it is a reptile. The Alligator has a gigantic jaw (to cling onto its prey); a massive body (so no other fish or reptile can eat it); and a tail to secure their prey so it can not escape.

Home sweet stream

The American alligator is found in the United States from North Carolina to the Rio Grande in Texas. The stream dwelling monsters can only live in clean water but it can also go on land because it is a reptile. Be careful because it can go in man-made rivers in golf courses! They live in a wetland habitat. They can also live in: slow moving rivers; freshwater ponds; lakes; and swamps. They can only tolerate salt water for brief periods because they do not have salt glands.

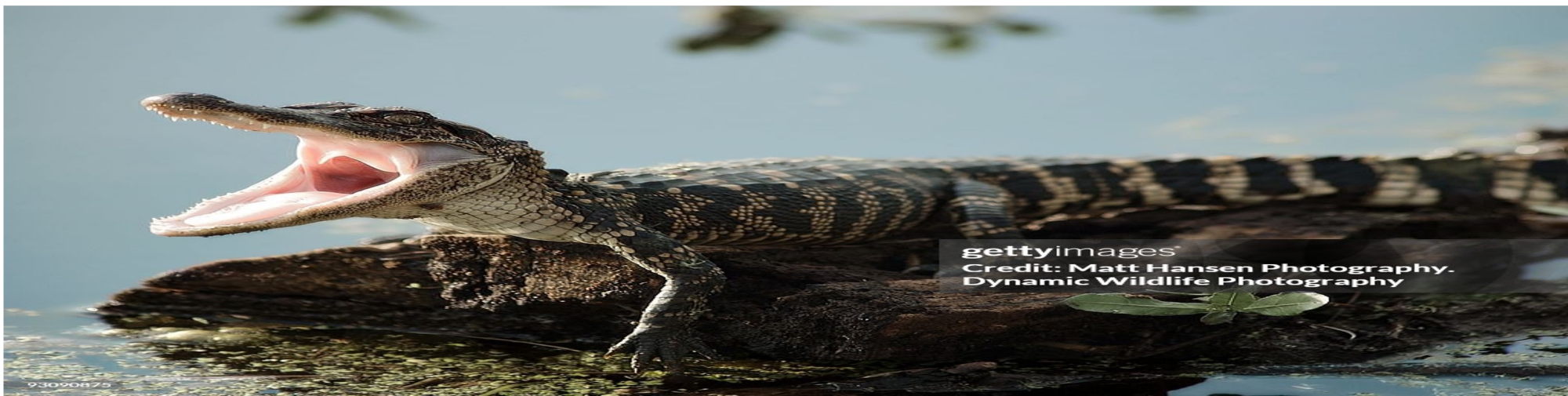
Bon Appetit

Within the water, the amazing alligator can eat fruit but this fascinating creature prefers meat (Including buffalo, insects, amphibians, small fish and other invertebrates). The alligators are normally called meat-eaters because of what the fascinating creatures eat. The diet for the alligator is fish, snail, birds, frogs and some kinds of mammal. They are a carnivore and if they eat healthy they can live around seventy to a hundred.



Rearing their young

The mother alligator will carefully carry the baby alligator in her mouth and carry the baby to any water that the mother can find. Also the young alligator will be guarded by its mother all the time also it could be guarded by the father. It depends if the father goes hunting then the baby will be guarded by the siblings or mother.



What people have to say

Ali Alligator (the chief of protecting alligators) once stated, “Never insult an alligator until after you have crossed the river. Don't taunt the alligator until after you've crossed the creek. I'm Southern, so an alligator's tail is pretty interesting and yummy. Old is when people compliment your alligator shoes, and you're not wearing any.”

