



# AMERICAN CROCODILE



## QUICK FACTS

**Scientific Name:** *Crocodylus acutus*

**Population:** ~2,000 in Florida (estimated)

**Lifespan:** 50-70 years (wild), up to 100 years (captivity)

**Size:** 3-6 m long (10-20 ft)

**Weight:** 380-900 kg (838-1,984 lb)

**Speed:** Up to 32 km/h (20 mph) on land



## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Color:** Olive-gray
- **Sensory Adaptations:** Salt glands, keen senses
- **Limb & Tail Functionality:** Powerful tail, webbed feet



IUCN Red list category  
**Vulnerable**

## FUN FACT !

Tolerates saltwater

## HABITAT & DISTRIBUTION



**Range:** South Florida, Caribbean

**Preferred Habitat:** Coastal mangroves, brackish waters

**Elevation Range:** 0-50 m (0-164 ft)





## DIET & NUTRITION

- Primary Diet:** Fish, birds, mammals
- Foraging Method:** Ambush in water
- Adaptations:** Salt excretion, narrow snout



## UNIQUE ADAPTATIONS

- Salt Glands:** Lives in brackish water
- Narrow Snout:** Catches fish

### Survival Score:

- Strength: 8/10
- Stealth: 8/10
- Adaptability: 7/10

## REPRODUCTION & LIFE CYCLE

- Mating Season:** January-April
- Gestation:** 80-90 days (incubation)
- Clutch Size:** 30-60 eggs
- Parental Care:** Mother guards nest



## ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE

- Role:** Maintains estuarine balance
- Indicator Species:** Signals coastal health
- Cultural Significance:** Rare Florida resident



## THREATS

Habitat loss, vehicle strikes



## CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Protected, monitoring



**Call to Action:** Protect mangroves, drive carefully, spread awareness

## INTERESTING FACTS

Can live in ocean

Shyer than alligators

Population increasing in Florida

