

Alligator

Found only in southeastern USA.

Estimated 5 million total.

Of that, 1.25 million are in Florida.

No longer considered endangered.

Black/dark brown with white underside.

Juveniles have yellow stripes for camouflage.



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Live in fresh water.

Eat fish, turtles, birds, snakes, small mammals.

Female lays 30-50 hard-shell eggs.

Hatch in 65 days.

Young are prey to mammals.



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Adult alligators have no predators except man.



Armor of bony plates called scutes.

Powerful tail for swimming.

Average adult weight 800 pounds.

Average adult length 13 feet.









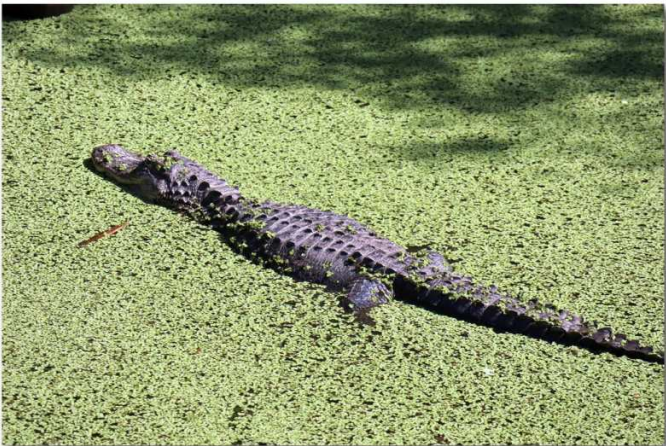
























Two Juvenile Alligators
CREW Bird Rookery Swamp
Naples, Florida

















