

## ORDER CROCODYLIA

### Alligatoridae (includes alligators and caimans)

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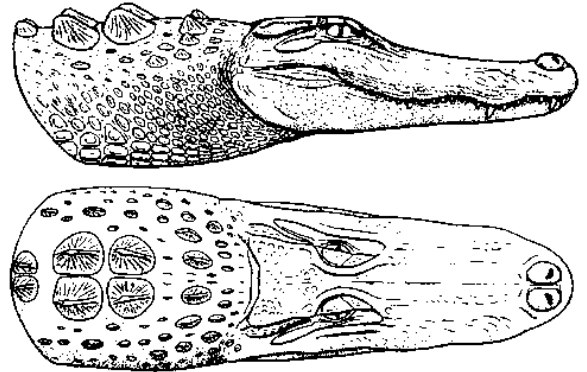
**Distribution:** South America, North America, eastern Asia

- Snout not set off sharply from posterior point of skull (“U” shape)
- Fourth tooth of lower jaw fits into pocket in upper jaw, **not visible** when mouth closed
- All species live in freshwater habitats
- **Lack** lingual salt glands

**Specimens on display:**

*Alligator mississippiensis*

*Caiman crocodiles*



### Crocodylidae (crocodiles)

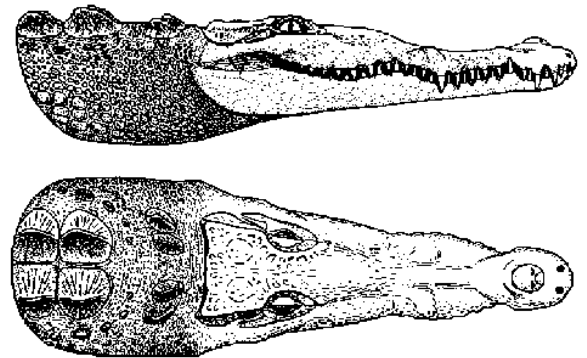
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**Distribution:** Tropical and subtropical regions worldwide

- Snouts of variable shape, narrow and tapered in *Crocodylus acutus* (“V” shape)
- **Fourth tooth of lower jaw visible** outside of mouth when mouth closed
- Lingual salt-glands present
- Several species have elaborate parental care

**Specimens on display:**

*Crocodylus acutus*



### Gavialidae

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**Distribution:** Northern India, Pakistan, Southeast Asia (Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia)

- Elongate, narrow snout specialized for fish eating
- *Gavialis* reaches about 6.5 meters in length.
- Very aquatic, lives in fast-flowing rivers.
- Found in freshwater habitats, but not brackish water habitats
- *Tomistoma* reaches about 4 meters in length

**No specimens available**

