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What Does a Crocodile Look Like?



A crocodile is a large reptile with a long, muscular body covered in tough, scaly skin. It has a powerful tail and strong jaws filled with sharp teeth. Crocodiles are usually dark green, brown, or gray, which helps them blend into their surroundings in water

and along riverbanks. Their rough skin also helps them stay hidden.

Crocodiles can grow very large. Some adult crocodiles can reach up to 20 feet long and weigh over 2,000 pounds. However, most are smaller, typically ranging from 10 to 15 feet long. Males are usually larger than females.

Crocodiles have some unique features. They have eyes and nostrils on the top of their heads, allowing them to see and breathe while the rest of their body stays underwater. Their tails are strong and help them swim quickly. Crocodiles also have a special third eyelid that protects their eyes while they are underwater.