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COMMON NAME – Alligator

SCIENTIFIC NAME – *Alligator Mississippiensis* (American Alligator)

DESCRIPTION –

- Weight – 500 to 1000 lbs
- Length – 13 to 18 ft.
- Large, slightly rounded body with thick limbs and a broad head
- Very powerful tail

RANGE/HABITAT –

- Southeastern United States
- Wetlands
- Sometimes, gators will create “hidden dens” of up to 20 feet deep to survive dry seasons and winters

DIET –

- Carnivores
- Including but not limited too: insects, worms, fish, frogs, rats, mice, snakes, turtles, birds, raccoons, razorbacks, deer, cattle, other gators, panthers, and bears

FACTS -

- Gators can sprint up to 30 mph for short distances on land!
- Gators have stones called gastroliths in their stomach to help aid in digestion
- Gator tails are powerful enough to break human bones