

Croc facts

Skin

Like all reptiles the crocodile is protected by scales. Those on the back are very thick and act to protect the crocodile in fights.



Tail

When swimming the tail is the main means of propulsion. The raised scutes (upraised fin-like parts running along the top of the back and the tail) increase the area of the tail and also assist with thermoregulation (managing body temperature).



Eyes

We can never really know how well crocodiles see, however they do appear to see as well as humans in the daytime and have far better night-time vision. Like humans they have binnocular vision. They also have the ability to see almost entirely around their heads. These combined qualities are extremely valuable in that it allows the croc to very accurately determine the position of its prey.

