

# Freshwater Crocodile

## Prehistoric high-walking reptile

- Only the top of the head is exposed when hunting, meaning they can hide and ambush their prey.
- Excellent swimmers, they can move in water at around 30 kilometres an hour.
- They are nocturnal hunters who strike during the night, with strong eyesight in low light.
- Sharp teeth help them to catch and consume a diverse diet of fish, crustaceans, mammals and fruit bats.
- Their ankles can rotate to lift their heavy bodies high off the ground, helping them to avoid ground obstacles like rocks.
- When the wetlands and billabongs dry up, freshwater crocodiles can walk on land in search of food and shelter.

Dark freckles called dome pressure receptors on the crocodile's jaw detect movement in, and on, the water.



**“When the freshwater crocodile is threatened on land, they can move quite fast in what is known as a crocodile gallop”**

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