

## Books to Read

*About Reptiles: A Guide for Children*  
by Cathryn Sill

*How to Hide a Crocodile*  
by Ruth Heller

*Snakes, Salamanders and Lizards*  
by Diane L. Burns

*Verdi*  
by Janelle Cannon



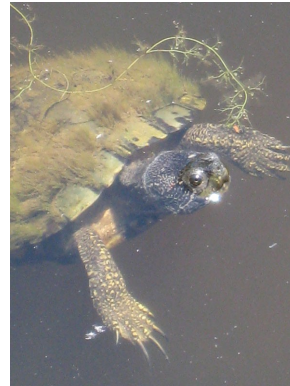
## Gator and Croc Mini Quiz

1. Do crocodiles or alligators live in the Houston area?
2. How can you tell a crocodile from an alligator?

1. Alligators live here!  
2. A crocodile's top and bottom teeth usually show when its mouth is closed. An alligator's nose is more rounded, and only its top teeth usually show.

## Discussion Starters

- Are reptiles scary animals? Why or why not?
- What are some of reptiles' important jobs?
- Why shouldn't people take wild reptiles home to be pets?
- What kinds of reptiles do make good pets? How should you care for them?



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# Reptiles Take-It-Home!

Post-Trip Activity Booklet



We hope you enjoyed your visit to Armand Bayou Nature Center and learned a lot about reptiles! Here are some fun activities to try as you continue to explore the lives of these amazing creatures.

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## Reptiles Up Close



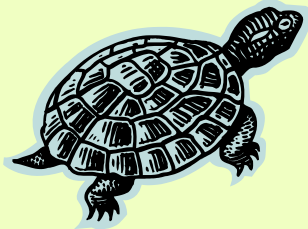
Look for a reptile in your yard or a park. Stay quiet and still and watch it from a distance at first.

Where is the reptile?

What do you think it is doing?

How does it move?

What kind of reptile is it?



*If you catch a wild animal, you should let it go in the same place you found it.*



Now try to get closer to the reptile. Keep a safe distance (at least 3 feet from snakes) from it. Some animals should not be touched. (If you aren't sure what kind of animal it is, don't touch and stay back!)

Can you see scales or claws?

Can you see it breathing?

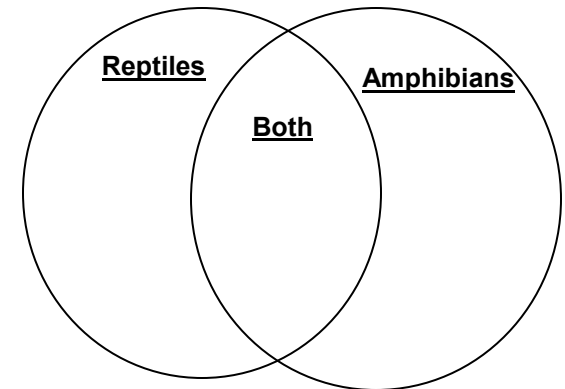
What else do you notice?

Draw a picture of the reptile you observed in the box below.



## Reptile and Amphibian Match-Up

Match the descriptions to the correct animal group. Write the letter of the description in the correct circle. If a description matches both reptiles and amphibians, put it in the intersection of the circles.



- A. Soft skin
- B. Scaly skin
- C. Cold-blooded
- D. Lays leathery eggs
- E. Lays soft, jelly-like eggs
- F. Has a backbone
- G. Undergoes metamorphosis