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# FROM THE BROWN-TO-BLUE and BEYOND



#### AMERICAN CROCODILE

Take a closer look at Snap and Crackle, our American crocodiles! You might spot them with their mouths held wide open, which is a behavior that helps them to cool off.



### ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE

Can you find Scrub our alligator snapping turtle? Scrub is an ambush predator and he uses his worm-like tongue to lure prey!



See if you can spot all six of our American alligators! Did you know that the bumps on the back of alligators are due to the bony plates, called osteoderms, under their skin? These osteoderms help them to regulate their body temperature.



#### SLIDER TURTLES

See if you can identify our two species of slider turtles in the river habitat! Red-eared sliders have a red marking behind their eve. while yellow-bellied sliders have a solid yellow plastron.



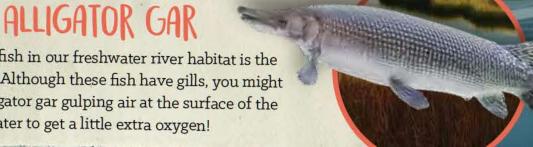
#### CHANNEL CATFISH

Look for our channel catfish which are brown or gray in color with dark spots! Did you know that males will build a nest for the female to lay eggs in and guard the eggs until they hatch?



#### PADDLEFISH

Do you see a fish with a long, spoon-shaped nose? That's a paddlefish! The strange shape of their nose helps them to sense electric pulses of their prey through a process called electroreception.



#### LARGEMOUTH BASS

In our river you will find several largemouth bass. The males of this species create nests for females to lay eggs in while he protects the eggs and young fish for a while after they hatch.



The largest fish in our freshwater river habitat is the alligator gar. Although these fish have gills, you might spot the alligator gar gulping air at the surface of the water to get a little extra oxygen!



#### NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER

Don't forget to say hello to our North American river otters! These playful and social animals communicate with each other using a variety of whistles, chirps, and growls.



#### **BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN**

At the west end of our campus you will find the bottlenose dolphins! Dolphins communicate through various forms of body language as well as through whistles and clicks. Take a moment and see if you can hear them!