



Nature Notes

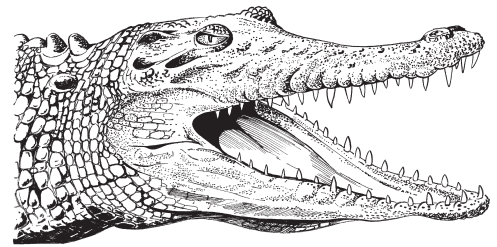


Living with Crocodiles

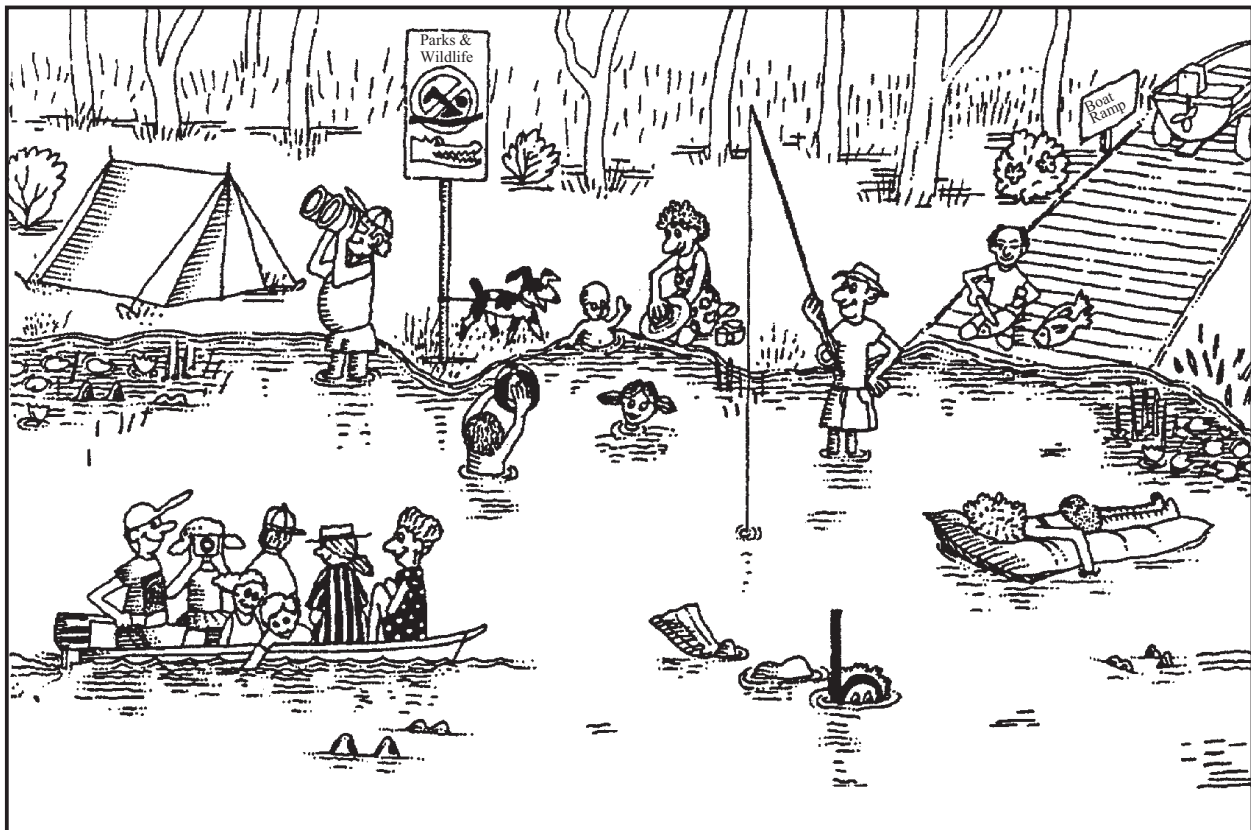
Saltwater Crocodiles are dangerous animals which inhabit many Top End waters. "Be CROCWISE" and obey a few simple rules.

Rangers try to remove crocodiles from popular recreational spots. However, caution is always required when enjoying Top End rivers and billabongs.

Imagine you are a Ranger and come across the following scene while out on patrol. Circle all the things that are dangerous and might attract a hungry crocodile (there are at least 12).



Saltwater Crocodile
Crocodylus porosus



ANSWERS: Cleaning fish at waters edge. Fishing in water. Hand out of boat. Overloaded boat. Snorkelling. Washing up in water. Kids swimming. Dog tied next to water. Camping next to water. Baby at waters edge. Lying on mattress. Bird watching in water.

Where salties live

Saltwater (Estuarine) Crocodiles live in coastal waters, wetlands and tidal rivers. But you may also spot them as far as 300 km from the coast.

Beware of 'Salties' in the following places. Use the grid to decode their names. (To decode each letter find the square where the letter row meets the number row).

1 2 3 4 5

A	A	B	C	D	E
B	F	G	H	I	J
C	K	L	M	N	O
D	P	Q	R	S	T
E	U	V	W	X	Y

B1 C2 C5 C5 A4 D1 C2 A1 B4 C4



D1 A1 D1 A5 D3 A2 A1 D3 C1 D4 E3 A1 C3 D1



A2 B4 C2 C2 A1 A2 C5 C4 B2



Be especially careful about swimming in

C3 E1 A4 A4 E5 E3 A1 D5 A5 D3

Use commonsense when fishing, swimming and camping. Always observe the crocodile warning signs.



Want to learn more about crocodiles?

Check out the reference book Australian Crocodiles by Grahame Webb and Charlie Manolis.

