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and
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**ALLIGATOR
SNAPPING
TURTLE**

A close-up photograph of a gharial crocodile in a river. The crocodile's long, narrow snout is extended towards the left, showing rows of sharp teeth. Its body is covered in dark, bumpy scales. The background shows a riverbank with trees and a waterfall. A light green rectangular box with a blue scalloped top edge is overlaid on the image, containing the word 'GHARIAL' in large, bold, black letters.

GHARIAL



With males reaching up to 6 meters (20 feet) long and weighing around 907 kilograms (2,000 pounds), gharials are one of the largest of the crocodilians.

BLUE CRESTED LIZARD



The blue crested lizard is known for its beautiful turquoise-blue head and throat, but this color is only present during breeding season. At other times it is mostly reddish-brown or even grayish-brown.

A large tokay gecko with light blue and yellow-orange spots is perched on a dark brown rock. Its mouth is open, showing its pink tongue and teeth. The gecko's skin has a bumpy, scaly texture.

TO KAY GECKO



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Because of many tiny hairs on each of their padded toes, tokay geckos' toes have amazing sticking power, capable of supporting up to 204 kilograms (450 pounds)!

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Tokay geckos will lay their eggs on the sides of rocks or other similar surfaces. These sticky eggs harden as soon as they are laid, helping to protect the growing geckos inside.



RED-EYED TREE FROG

Red-eyed tree frogs are very colorful with neon green bodies, bright red eyes, vivid orange toes, and beautiful blue and yellow coloring on their sides and upper legs. Alarming to predators, this coloration is part of their defense.

BLUE VIPER SNAKE

Blue vipers are a species of pit vipers.

Viper snakes are often shorter and more sturdy than other snakes such as cobras. Vipers use this strength to ambush and attack their prey.



THORNY DEVIL

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Conical spikes cover the thorny devil's entire body. These spikes are not bone, but are made of **keratin**, like your fingernails.





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From frogs with big eyes to salamanders that don't use their eyes at all, from turtles that lure prey right into their mouths to lizards that snatch up insects with suction-cup tongues, there is so much variety to be found among reptiles and amphibians. Packed with vibrant full-color photos that are both entertaining and informational, *Curious Reptiles and Amphibians* explores fun facts about many of God's most fascinating creatures.

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