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My, what sharp teeth you have! The American Alligator is one of the most fascinating reptiles found in North America. Historically hunted close to extinction for their hide, alligators have made a remarkable comeback across freshwater ecosystems in the Southeastern U.S. In its juvenile stage, young alligators have alternating bands of black and yellow on their skin to aid in camouflaging from predators such as herons, egrets and even other alligators! Though "cute" as juveniles, adults can weigh up to 800 lbs and grow to lengths of 11-13 feet long depending on gender.

The alligator pictured here makes its home at the Environmental Learning Center in Edisto Beach State Park. www.southcarolinaparks.com/edistobeach



David Salley We got to see this little one up close at the santee pier cabins last week



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South Carolina State Parks Very cool!

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Pam Granger Gale He's growing up!

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