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## Crocodiles, giant vipers, side

The dinosaurs also developed smaller forms, including the feather-bearing smaller.

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These pits allow the snakes to sense the body heat of birds and mammals, enabling pit vipers to hunt rodents in the dark. This was not the only possible classification scheme: In the Hunterian lectures delivered at the in 1863, Huxley grouped the vertebrates into , sauroids, and ichthyoids the latter containing the fishes and amphibians.

## No, crocodiles are not immortal

In the annual Hindu festival of , snakes are venerated and prayed to. Lizards such as the Gila monster produce toxins with medical applications.

## Reptiles

However, reptiles were still important components of the megafauna, particularly in the form of large and giant.

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This is because they use their abdominal muscles to breathe during locomotion. Mammals and birds filled the empty niches left behind by the reptilian megafauna and, while reptile diversification slowed, bird and mammal diversification took an exponential turn. Another study found that giant tortoises are capable of learning through , visual discrimination and retained learned behaviors with long-term memory.

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