

# The Parting Shot



A truly spectacular wide-angle/close-up portrait of a juvenile American crocodile *Crocodylus acutus* taken in Mexico by talented reptile photographer Juan Manuel Gonzalez Villa, who tells us how he took this remarkable shot: "This is the largest crocodilian found in Mexico, reaching up to five meters in length and so

exceeding by a couple of meters its closest relative *Crocodylus moreletii*. Despite its large dimensions when adult, it mostly feeds on fish and mammals of medium size, including however in its diet amphibians and even arthropods when young. This image of a juvenile about 1.20 meters long was taken in the

Colima swamps, Mexico, utilizing a Laowa 15mm/f4 lens on a Nikon D5600 at 1/80s, ISO 250, f/11". To see and enjoy more of Juan Manuel's stunning reptile photography feel free to visit his profile at <https://www.facebook.com/JuanMaGonzalezPhotography/>