



STUNNING SNAP

TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN

It may look cruel, but nature was in its truest form at the Ord River, where a giant saltwater croc shocked onlookers. **REPORT PAGE 3** Picture: Marc and Mandy Watson



Oz Day bash

The East Kimberley is again gearing up for this Saturday's Australia Day festivities.

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Face of April

Local farm girl turned academic features in national agriculture calendar.

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Beefed-up fare on menu for hungry salty

■ Glenn Cordingley and Jakeb Waddell

A giant saltwater crocodile stunned onlookers as it glided through water with a cow clasped between its jaws near a popular swimming and fishing spot in WA's far north.

Marc Watson and his wife Mandy were fishing behind Ivanhoe Crossing on the lower Ord River in Kununurra recently when they managed to capture images of the creature.

The Watsons have lived in the

Kimberley town for more than 40 years, where they run a private kangaroo sanctuary.

Ms Watson said she had never seen a crocodile with a cow in its mouth that close to Ivanhoe Crossing before.

"You would quite often see the salties around there but not in that situation," she said.

"There were two others in close proximity following the croc with the cow.

"We were about 15m away and just could not believe our eyes.

"We kept our grandkids well

away from the water but a lot of people go fishing at this location and further up at the Ivanhoe Crossing people often sit down on the concrete crossing in the water to swim and cool down — especially at this time of year."

A Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions spokesman said the public should not take risks by entering the water of an established crocodile habitat.

"Estuarine crocodiles are commonly sighted at Ivanhoe Crossing," he said.

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