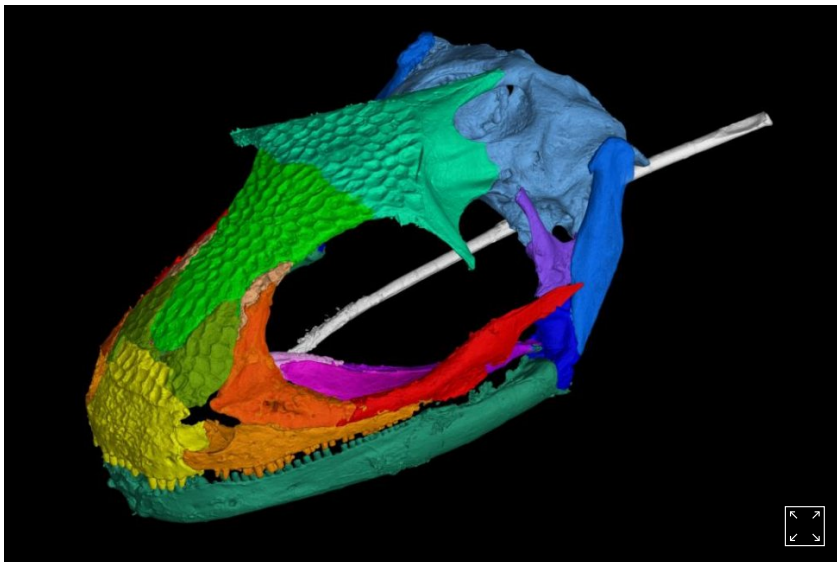




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Extinct group of amphibians used a rapid-fire tongue to catch prey

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A CT scan reveals the ancient amphibian's soft tissue and its long, narrow ballistic tongue apparatus. Photo Edward Stanley/Florida Museum of Natural History

Nov. 5 (UPI) -- An unusual group of extinct amphibians known as albanerpetontids used a rapid-fire tongue to catch prey, according to a new study published Thursday [in the journal Science](#).

For years, albanerpetontids, called "albies" for short, have puzzled scientists. Despite claws, scales and tails that recall those of lizards, albies are officially amphibians.

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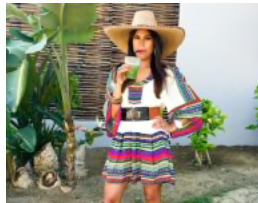
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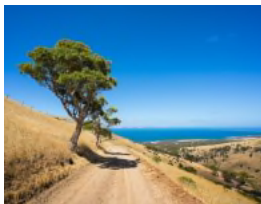
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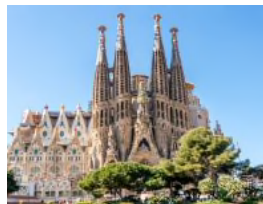
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