

# America's Amazon

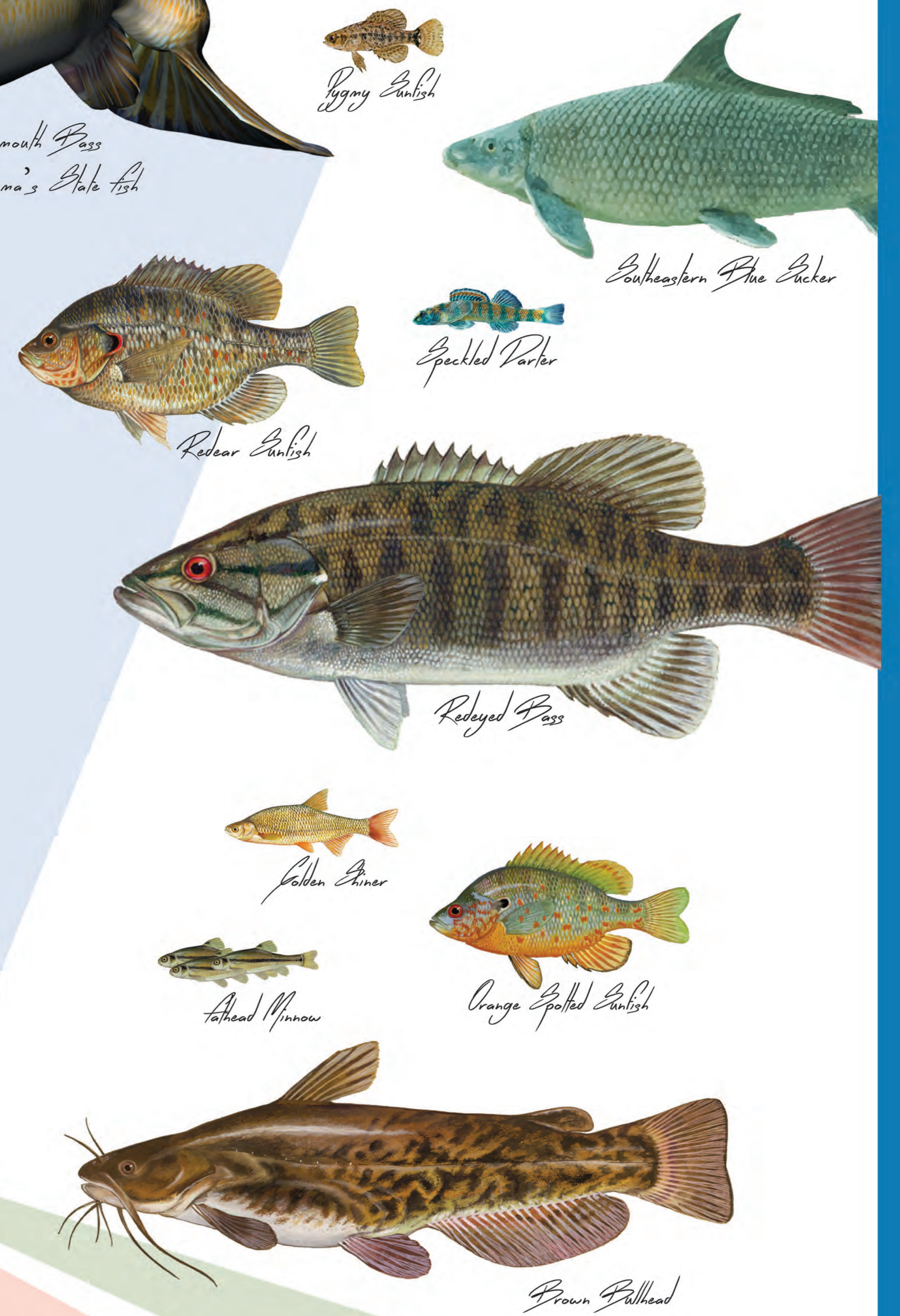
*Alabama the Beautiful*

10% of the freshwater resources in the continental United States flow through or originate in Alabama.



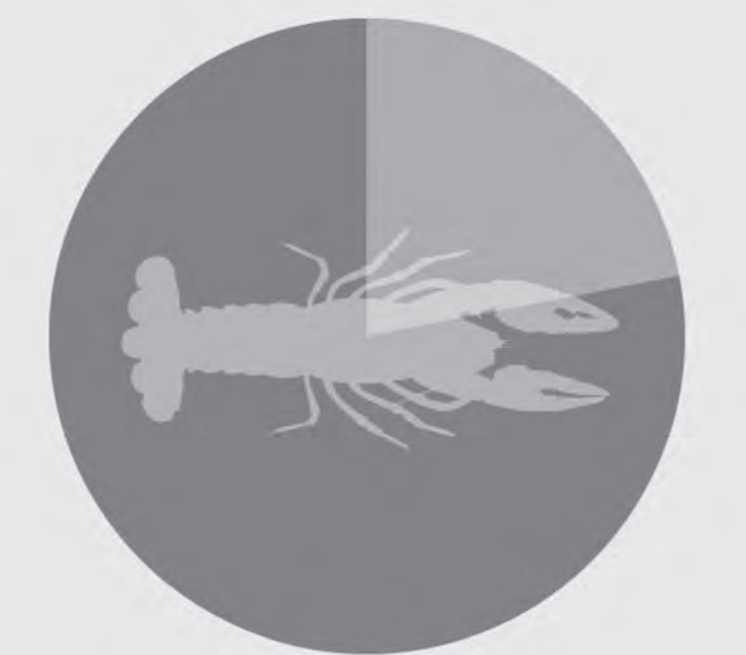
14 river basins form the waterways of Alabama

There are more than **132,000\*** miles of rivers and streams in Alabama. That's enough to circle the earth 5 times!



## Top 5 States Freshwater Fish Biodiversity

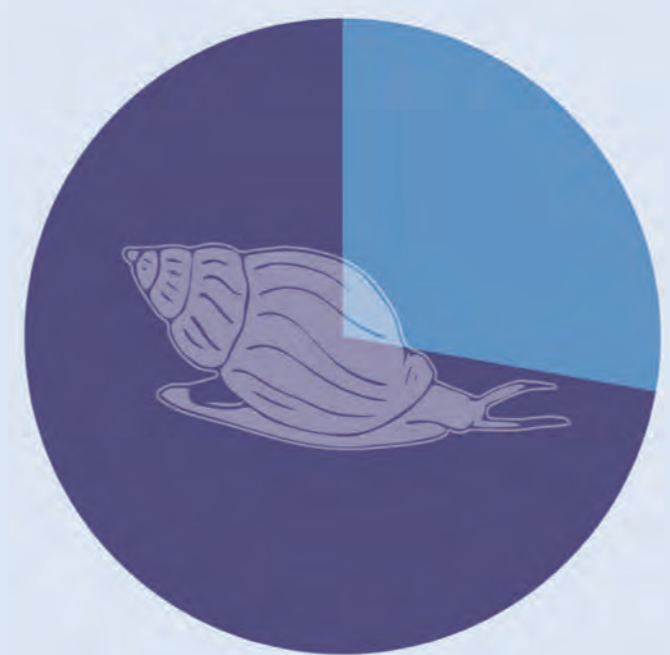
Rank	State	# Species
1	Alabama	332*
2	Tennessee	320
3	Georgia	265
4	Kentucky	248
5	Mississippi	209



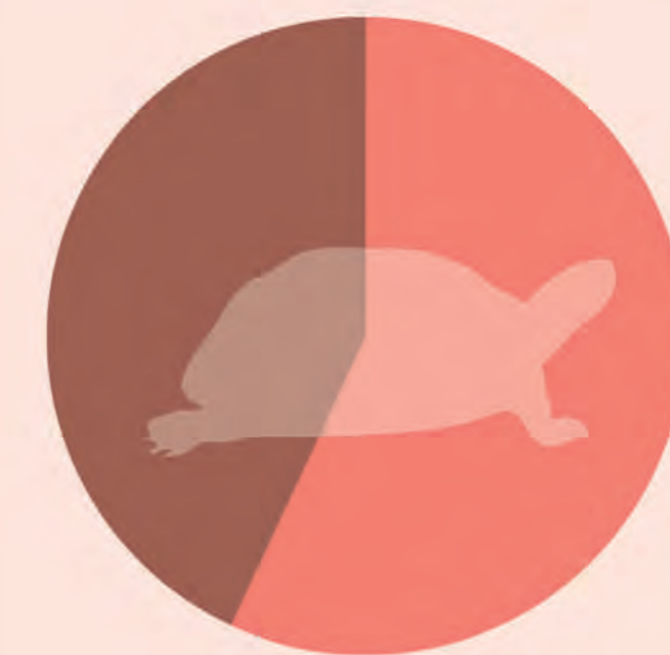
22% of North American crayfish species



27% of North American fish species



28% of North American freshwater snails



57% of North American freshwater turtles



61% of North American freshwater mussels

## Native to Alabama

Alabama Ranks Number 1 in the U.S. for the number of freshwater crayfish, fish, snail, turtle and mussel species!



19% of the freshwater fish species in Alabama are at risk due to pollution and destruction of habitat.



Alabama Water Watch is a program in the Auburn University Water Resources Center, which receives support from the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

## Get Involved!

Get certified as a water monitor and volunteer. Learn more at <http://alabamawaterwatch.org>

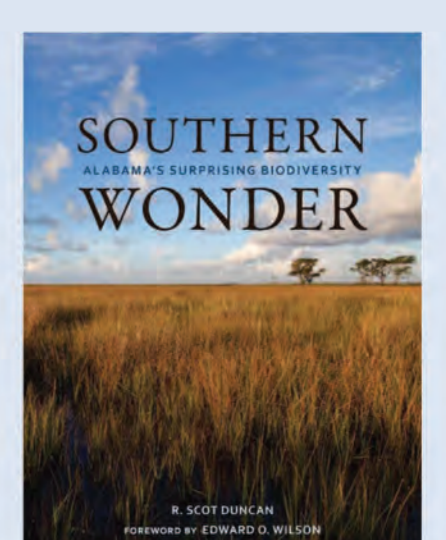
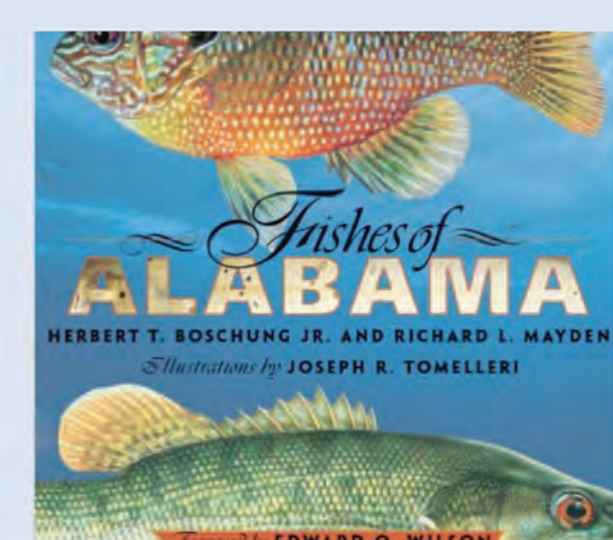
### References:



### Suggested Reading:

*Fishes of Alabama* by Herbert T. Boshchung and Richard L. Mayden

*Southern Wonder: Alabama's Surprising Biodiversity* By R. Scot Duncan



\*Number of fish species and river/stream miles recently updated by GSA; river/stream miles updated using USGS National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) Best Resolution for Alabama (google 'nhd best resolution for Alabama' for details)