

America's Amazon

Alabama the Beautiful

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

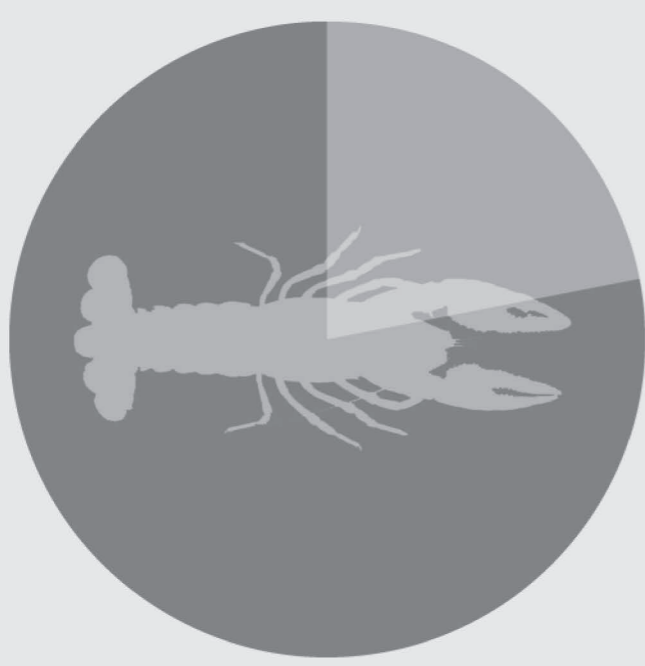
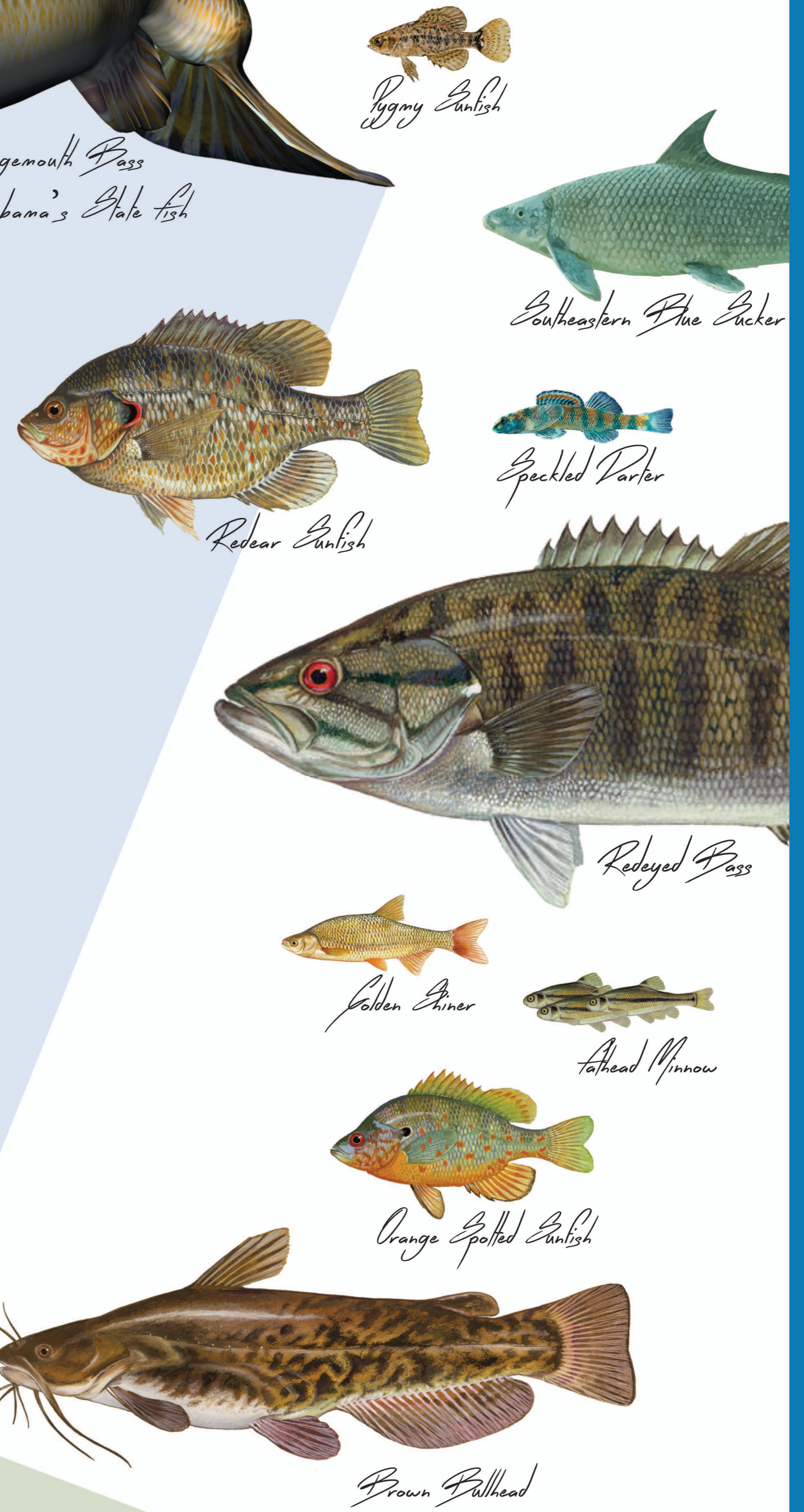


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river basins form
the waterways of
Alabama

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

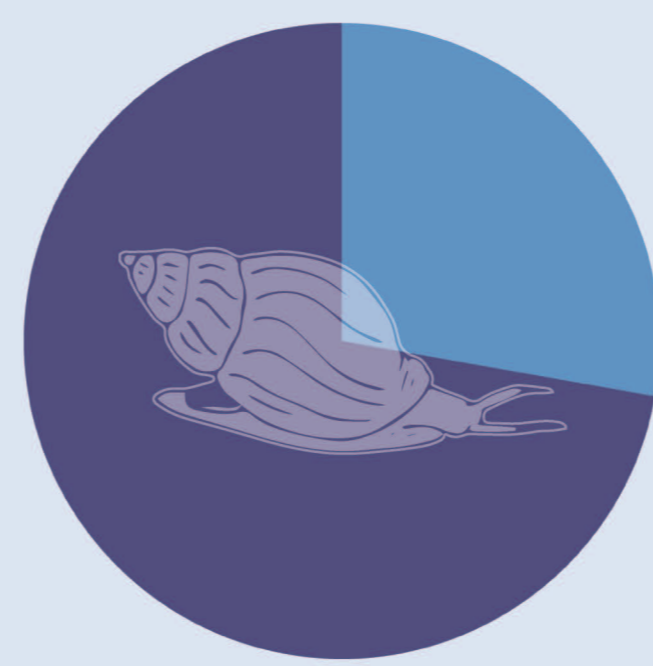
Rank	State	# Species
1	Alabama	332*
2	Tennessee	320
3	Georgia	265
4	Kentucky	248
5	Mississippi	209



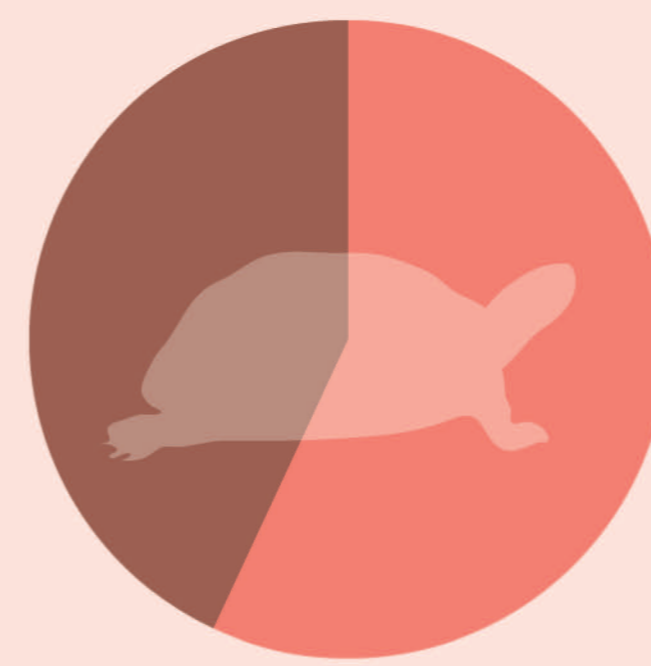
22%
of North American
crayfish species



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>

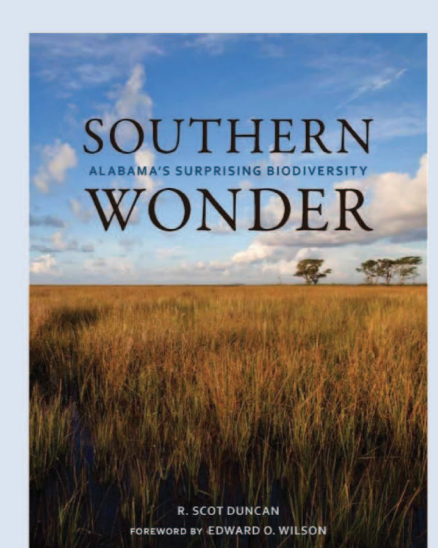
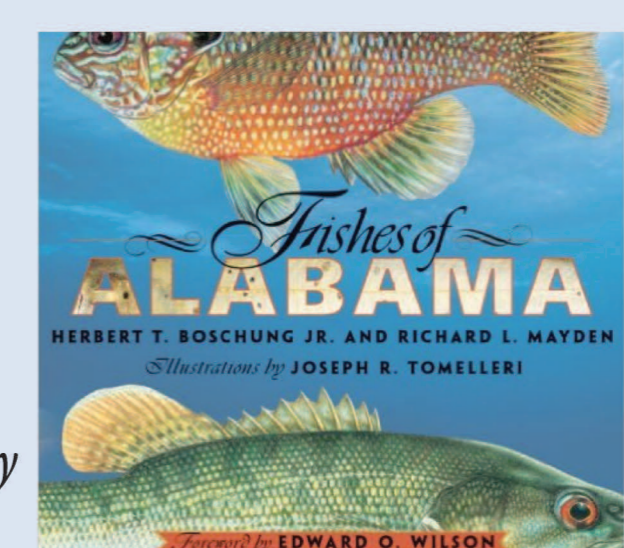
References:



Suggested Reading:

Fishes of Alabama
by Herbert T. Boshchung and
Richard L. Maiden

*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)