

# 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



*Eastern Blue Sucker*



*Redear Sunfish*



*Spotted Perch*



*Redeye Bass*



*Golden Shiner*



*Fathead Minnow*



*Orange Spotted Sunfish*



*Brown Bullhead*

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>

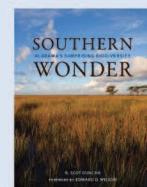
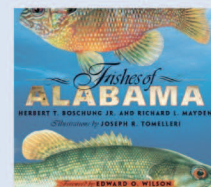
### References:



### 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)