

# America's Amazon

*Alabama the Beautiful*

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

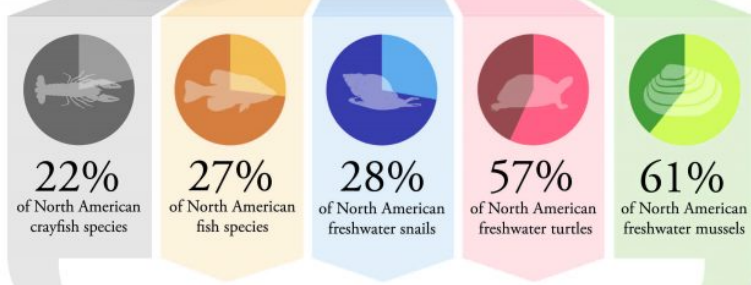
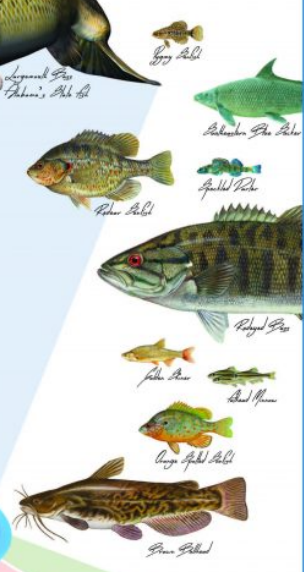


**14**  
river basins form the waterways of Alabama

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



## *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. Boshung and Richard L. Mayden

*Southern Wonder: Alabama's Surprising Diversity* By R. Scott Duncan



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## Cahaba River & Cahaba Lilies



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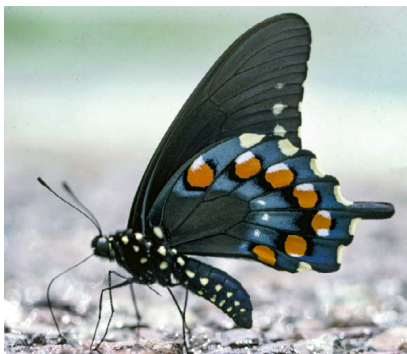
## Images of the Cahaba Lily & Primary Pollinators



**Cahaba Lily**



**Plebian Sphinx Moth**



**Pipevine Swallowtail Butterfly**



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## Fish & Snails Found on the Cahaba River



**Largemouth Bass**



**Alabama Sturgeon**



**Cahaba pebblesnail**



**Cylindrical Lioplax**

## Cahaba River – Other Mammals, Fish, & Birds



**Eastern Fox Squirrel**



**Gray Bat**



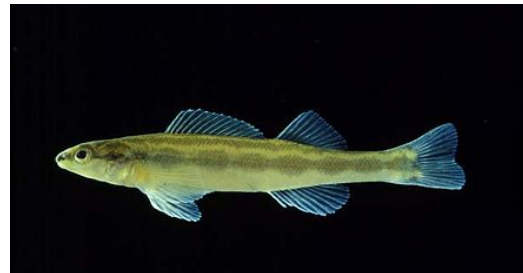
**Blue Heron**



**Great Egret**



**Blue Shiner**



**Goldline Darter**



**Bald Eagle**



**Round Rocksnail**

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