

ALABAMA'S AMAZING *aquatic* DIVERSITY

Alabama boasts an extraordinary array of aquatic biodiversity, making it a significant natural treasure in the United States. The state's extensive network of rivers, streams, and other water bodies play a critical role in supporting this rich biodiversity.



Alabama's Waterways

Alabama is home to more than **132,000 miles** of rivers and streams, a distance that could circle the Earth five times. The state has a surface water supply of **33.5 trillion gallons** annually that flows through 14 river basins and coastal drainage areas. Remarkably, *10% of the freshwater resources in the continental United States flow through or originate in Alabama.*



Aquatic Species Diversity

Alabama ranks **FIRST** in the United States for freshwater aquatic diversity. Alabama has:



312 fish species
35% of North American species



97 species of freshwater crayfish
24% of North American species



202 species of freshwater snails
29% of North American species.



186 species of freshwater mussels
61% of North American species.



31 species of freshwater turtles
63% of North American species