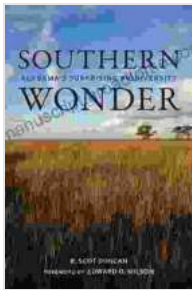


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Alabama's Diverse Ecosystems

Alabama is home to a wide variety of ecosystems, each with its own unique plant and animal communities. These ecosystems include:

- Appalachian Mountains
- Gulf Coast
- Piedmont
- Black Belt
- Tennessee River Valley

Each of these ecosystems has its own unique set of challenges and opportunities for plants and animals. The Appalachian Mountains, for example, are home to a variety of cold-adapted plants and animals, while the Gulf Coast is home to a variety of heat-adapted plants and animals.

Alabama's Rich Plant Life

Alabama is home to over 3,000 species of plants, including a variety of trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and ferns. The state's forests are home to a variety of hardwood trees, including oaks, maples, hickories, and tulip poplars. The state's wetlands are home to a variety of cypress trees, tupelo trees, and water lilies.

Alabama's plant life is also home to a variety of rare and endangered species. These species include the Alabama streaked cress, the green pitcher plant, and the yellow-fringed orchid.

Alabama's Diverse Animal Life

Alabama is home to over 600 species of animals, including a variety of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish. The state's forests are home to a variety of large mammals, including white-tailed deer, black

bears, and coyotes. The state's wetlands are home to a variety of waterfowl, wading birds, and alligators.

Alabama's animal life is also home to a variety of rare and endangered species. These species include the Alabama red-bellied turtle, the Gulf sturgeon, and the snail kite.

Threats to Alabama's Biodiversity

Alabama's biodiversity is facing a number of threats, including habitat loss, pollution, and climate change. Habitat loss is the greatest threat to Alabama's biodiversity, as it destroys the homes of plants and animals. Pollution can also harm plants and animals, and climate change can alter the state's ecosystems.

Protecting Alabama's Biodiversity

There are a number of things that can be done to protect Alabama's biodiversity. These include:

- Conserving habitat
- Reducing pollution
- Addressing climate change

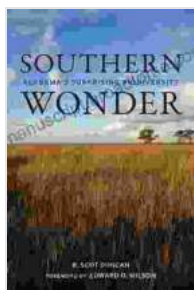
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