



# All About Alabama SCAVENGER HUNT

Explore the Museum to find several **official symbols of the state of Alabama**. Voted on by the state legislature, these animals, plants, and rocks represent Alabama and call the state home.



All hail the queen! The reigning state agricultural insect is the **queen honey bee** – which makes sense! Worker bees that belong to the queen’s colony contribute greatly to state agriculture by acting as pollinators for many types of crops. While you cannot see the queen in the hive, she is there, surrounded by the bees of her colony.



How monumental – **Sylacauga marble**, the Alabama state rock, has been used in construction of monuments and buildings across the country, including the Lincoln Memorial and the United States Capitol. It is valued for its pure white color and crystalline texture.

**FOUNDATIONS**

You will need to search through the many different shells on display to find the Alabama state shell called the **Juno Volute**, or **Johnstone’s Junonia**. This gastropod is found on the Gulf Coast and named after Kathleen Johnstone from Mobile, who wrote books on collecting seashells.

**OCEANS**



The **black bear**, which averages approximately 250 pounds in weight and 4 to 7 feet in length, is impressive as the state mammal. Once found across the state, the black bear population dwindled and for many years could only be found in southwest Alabama near Mobile. Recently, black bears migrated into northeast Alabama from Georgia. The increasing numbers of this high conservation concern animal excite many state naturalists.

**HILLTOP WOODLANDS**



Can you find the growth stages of the Alabama state tree in the Exhibit? The **longleaf pine** depends on fire for its seeds to root in the soil, grows as a grass for up to seven years, and then quickly shoots up several feet! Once mature, this fire-resistant tree towers up to 120 feet tall.

**FORESTS**



As this state bird flies, you see a quick flicker of the color yellow from the tips of its wings. The visual of these yellow feathers is how this bird came to be known by its two most recognized names – the **northern flicker** and the **yellow-hammer**.



Explore the insect collection to find the state butterfly - an orange and black **monarch**. Monarch butterflies can be found in every county of Alabama. As they fly south for winter, many stay in south Alabama to roost.

**Wonderful World of INSECTS!**



Admission to the Exhibits is required to participate.