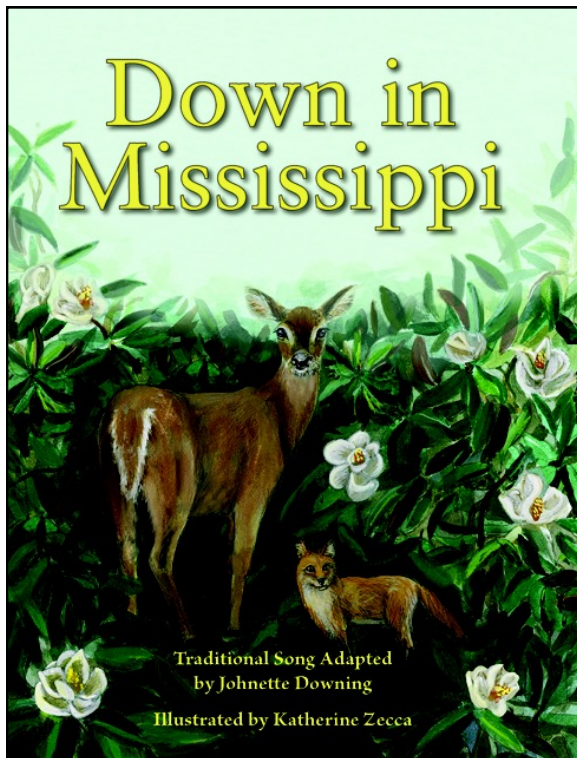


Down in Mississippi

Book Activity Packet



The sequel to Down in Louisiana written by Johnette Downing and illustrated by Deborah Ousley Kadair Thomas, Down in Mississippi, written by Johnette Downing and beautifully illustrated by Katherine Zecca, pays homage to the cultural legacy of Mississippi in this charming counting book that incorporates many of its native flora and fauna. Her delightful text, adapted from a traditional song, and Zecca's heart warming illustrations presents a

lyrical and visual tribute to the many iconic images and symbols to be found in the state.

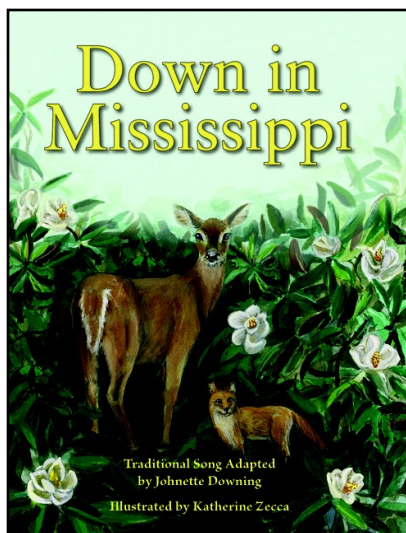
From dolphins splashing in the surf along the coast to adorable ducklings in the wetlands, this commemorative picture book serves to introduce children to many unique facts about Mississippi. An author's note gives interesting details about each creature and notes about their habitats and behavior.

About the Author

Called the "Musical Ambassador to Children" and the "Pied Piper of Louisiana Music Traditions," Johnette Downing is the author of twenty-one children's books and ten children's recordings. She combines her passion for Southern culture, literature and music into books that are also songs. The recipient of twenty-two international awards, Johnette shares her music and books with children in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Europe, Central America, North America and the Caribbean.



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Did you know the Mississippi State bird is the **mockingbird** and the State Flower is the **magnolia**?

Find out more fascinating facts in this book!



REVIEW

"With its compelling cadences and celebration of the Magnolia State's bountiful natural beauty, **Down in Mississippi** evokes the richness, expressiveness, and rejuvenating qualities of another of the state's treasures—the blues."



—Scott Barretta,
 coauthor of the Mississippi Arts Commission's Blues Trail Curriculum and recipient of a 2016 Mississippi Governor's Award for the Arts. - <http://www.arts.ms.gov/programs/BluesTrailCurriculum.php>

MATCHING

Draw a line to match the state symbol in the first column with its corresponding animal or plant in the second column.

- State Bird
- State Land Mammal
- State Land Mammal
- State Reptile
- State Flower
- State Insect
- State Fish
- State Water Mammal
- State Waterfowl
- State Tree
- State Wildflower
- State Butterfly

Bottlenose dolphin

Honeybee

Black bass

Spicebush swallowtail

Alligator

Coreopsis

Red fox

Wood duck

White-tailed deer

Magnolia

Magnolia

Mockingbird



DID YOU KNOW?



Did you notice that Mississippi has two official State Land Mammals? Both of these land mammals can run at speeds of approximately thirty miles per hour! One was selected as the State Land Mammal in 1974 while the other one was selected in 1997. Which is which?

ANIMAL MATH

Let's add how many animals are in the book!

One mother and one baby bottlenose dolphin. $1 + 1 =$ _____

One mother and two baby white-tailed deer. $1 + 2 =$ _____

One mother and three baby mocking birds. $1 + 3 =$ _____

One mother and four baby black bass. $1 + 4 =$ _____

One mother and five baby wood ducks. $1 + 5 =$ _____

One mother and six baby swallowtail butterflies. $1 + 6 =$ _____

One mother and seven baby alligators. $1 + 7 =$ _____

One mother and eight baby catfish. $1 + 8 =$ _____

One mother and nine baby foxes. $1 + 9 =$ _____

One mother and ten baby honeybees. $1 + 10 =$ _____

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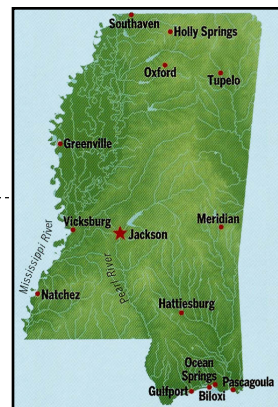
Now let's add the totals to see how many total animals are in the book!

Total: _____



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that only one animal in the book is not an official state animal of Mississippi? Can you guess which one it is?



PAST AND PRESENT VERB TENSE

The animals in the book are all doing something in the present and past. Write the past tense of the following verbs from the book in the blank space provided.

The past tense of the verb **splash** is splashed _____.

The past tense of the verb **prance** is _____.

The past tense of the verb **sing** is _____.

The past tense of the verb **eat** is _____.

The past tense of the verb **quack** is _____.

The past tense of the verb **flutter** is _____.

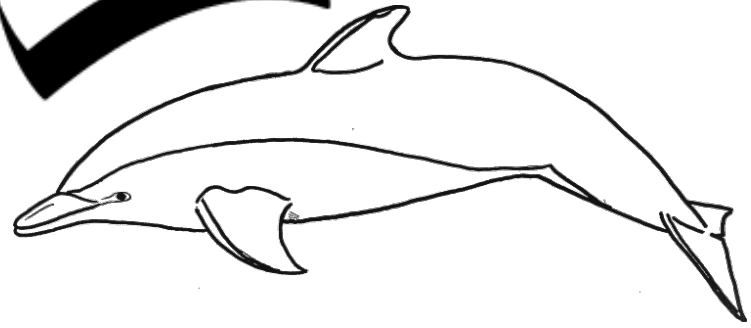
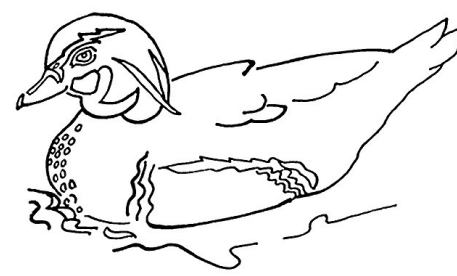
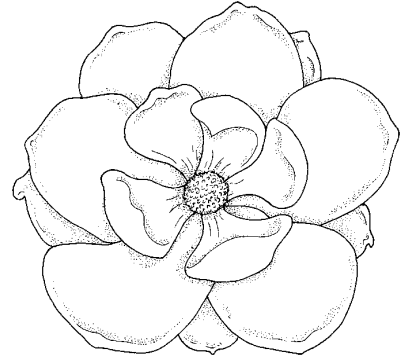
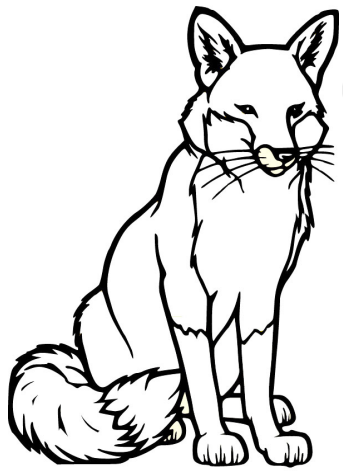
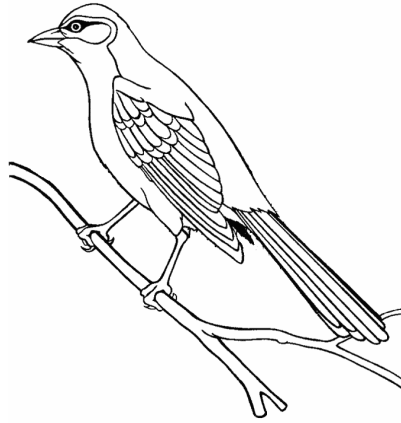
The past tense of the verb **snap** is _____.

The past tense of the verb **swim** is _____.

The past tense of the verb **leap** is _____.

The past tense of the verb **buzz** is _____.






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Traditional song adapted by Johnette Downing
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B \flat F7




Down in Mis - sis - sip - pi in the surf and the sun lived a

B \flat F7 B \flat




5 moth - er dol - phin and her dol - phin one.

E \flat B \flat



9 "Splash," said the moth - er "We splash," said the one." and they

Gm F7 B \flat



13 splashed a - ll d - ay in the surf and the sun.

