

PENNSYLVANIAN FOOTPRINTS IN THE BLACK WARRIOR BASIN OF ALABAMA

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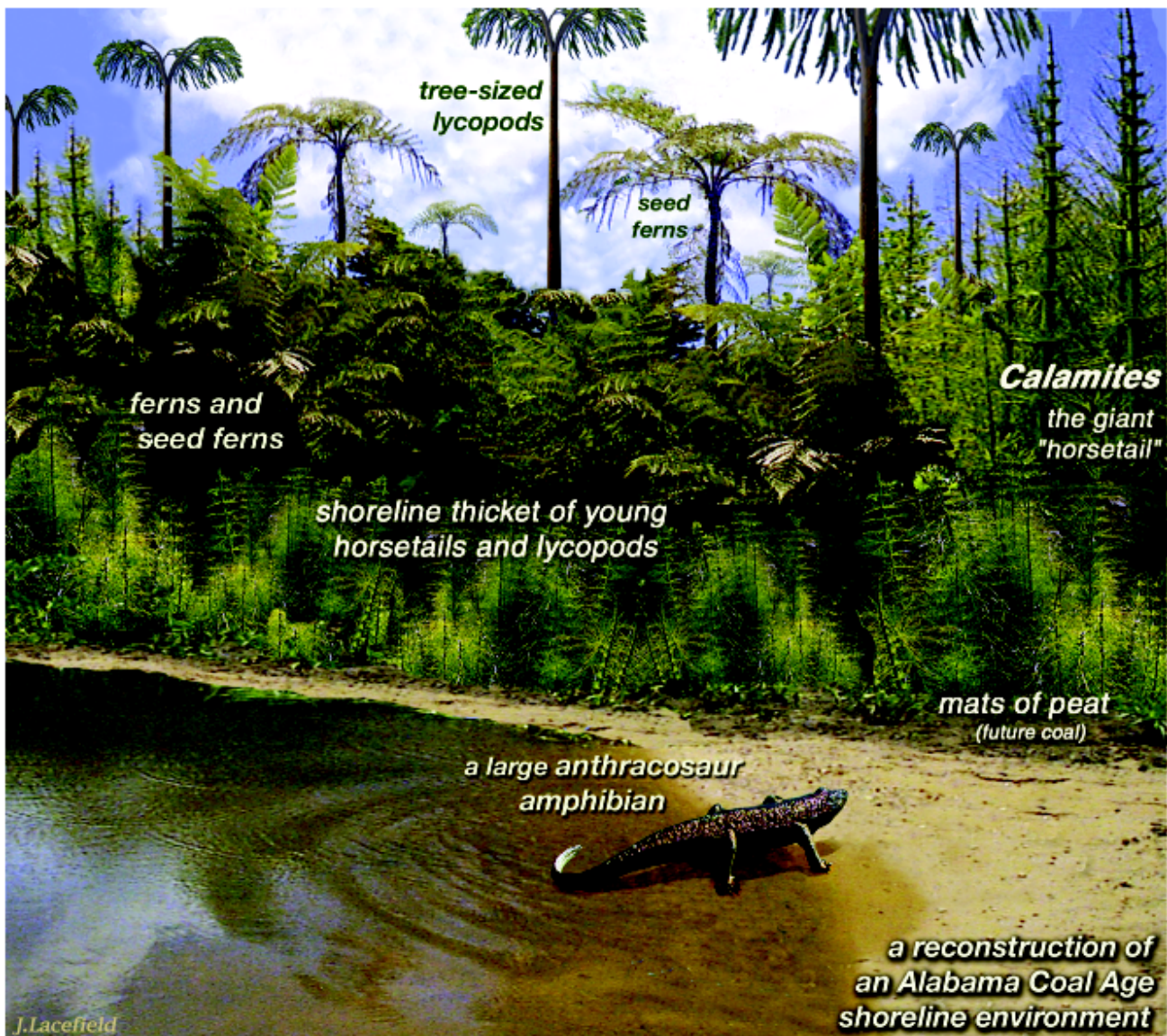
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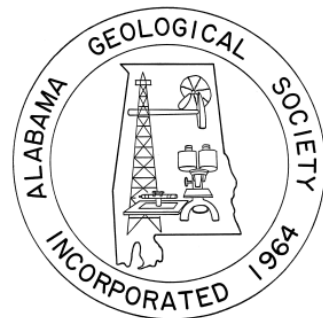


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Artistic reconstruction of some of the plants and animals living in the Union Chapel Mine area 310 million years ago. (Artwork by James A. Lacefield, reproduced with permission.)

In 1999, a science teacher scouted a surface coal mine in north-central Alabama for his class, and found a treasure trove of vertebrate trackways that had been imprinted on a tidal mud flat 310 million years before. The Union Chapel Mine is now recognized as the world's best Carboniferous tracksite. This volume — an unusual collaboration between amateurs and professionals — tells not only about the footprints and associated fossils, but also about the unprecedented effort to rescue the site from reclamation.



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