

# Mississippi State Emblems & Symbols



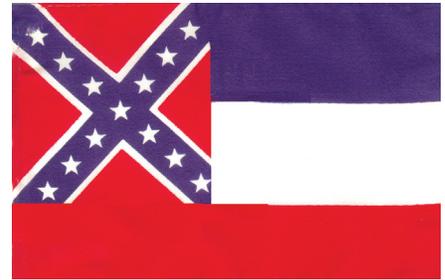
## State Coat-of-Arms

Mississippi's Coat-of-Arms was adopted in 1894. Inscribed on the scroll is the state motto - Virtute et Armis - "By Valor and Arms."



## The Great Seal

The present State Seal has been in use since Mississippi became a state in 1817.



## State Flag

Designated in 1894, the State Flag incorporates the national colors - red, white, and blue - and 13 stars for the original states of the Union. The flag was adopted by popular vote on April 17, 2001.



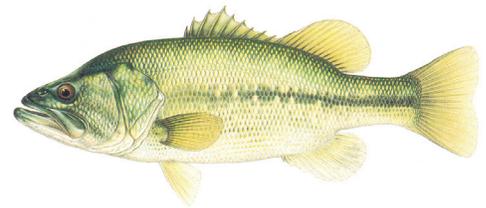
## State Bird

Found in all sections of Mississippi, the cheerful mockingbird was selected as the official State Bird by the Women's Federated Clubs and by the State Legislature in 1944.



## State Flower and Tree

In 1900, the school children of Mississippi elected the magnolia as the official State Flower. In 1952, the Legislature selected the magnolia as the official State Tree.



State Fish - Largemouth or Black Bass

## State Song - "Go Mississippi"

**State Insect** - Honeybee

**State Shell** - Oyster Shell

**State Fossil** - Prehistoric Whale

**State Beverage** - Milk

**State Stone** - Petrified Wood

**State Butterfly** - Spice Swallowtail

**State Dance** - Square-Dancing

**State Toy** - Teddy Bear

**State Soil** - Natchez Silt Loam

**State Reptile** - American Alligator

**State Language** - English

**State Wildflower** - Coreopsis

**State Grand Opera House** - Grand

Opera House of Meridian

**State Automobile Museum** - Tupelo

Automobile Museum

**State Historical Industrial Museum** -

Mississippi Industrial Heritage Museum



## State Land Mammal -

Red Fox and White-tailed Deer



State Waterfowl - Wood Duck



## State Water Mammal -

Bottlenosed Dolphin

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