

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 State Seal has been in use since Mississippi became a state in 1817. In 2014, the legislature passed a law adding "In God We Trust" to the seal.



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.



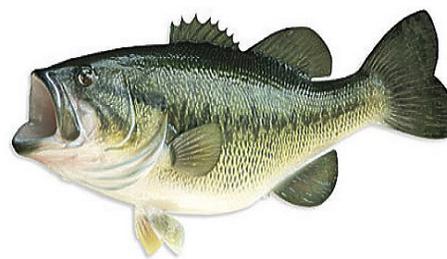
State Bird

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

White-tailed Deer and Red Fox



State Waterfowl Wood Duck



State Water Mammal

Bottlenosed Dolphin

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