

Mississippi State Emblems & Symbols



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

The New Magnolia flag has a Magnolia blossom in the center, a symbol long-used to represent our state and the hospitality of our citizens. The new flag is sleek and updated to represent the forward progression of Mississippi.



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."



State Water Mammal
Bottlenosed Dolphin



State Waterfowl
Wood Duck



State Fish
Largemouth or Black Bass



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 Butterfly

Chosen in 1991, the spicebush swallowtail is Mississippi's official state butterfly.



State Land Mammal
Red Fox



Michael Watson
SECRETARY OF STATE



State Land Mammal
White-tailed Deer

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 MUSEUMS

Two Mississippi Museums

- Mississippi Civil Rights Museum
- Museum of Mississippi History

Mississippi Museum of Art

Mississippi Museum of Natural Science

The Mississippi Industrial Heritage Museum

State Wildlife Heritage Museum

Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum

Mississippi Children's Museum

Grammy Museum Mississippi

B.B. King Museum

Delta Blues Museum

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum Of Art

Walter Anderson Museum of Art

Smith Robertson Museum

Elvis Presley Birthplace

Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame