**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 Waterfowl**
Wood Duck

**State Water Mammal**
Bottlenosed Dolphin

**State Land Mammal**
White-tailed Deer and Red Fox

**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

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