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

State Land Mammal
White-tailed Deer

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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

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