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."



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 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



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 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 Water Mammal Bottlenosed Dolphin

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 Butterfly

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



State Fish - Largemouth or Black Bass



State Waterfowl - Wood Duck

State Wildflower - Coreopsis State Grand Opera House - Grand Opera House of Meridian State Historical Industrial Museum -Mississippi Industrial Heritage Museum State Wildlife Heritage Museum - Leland



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