

State Bird

In 1939, the **Blue Hen Chicken** was chosen the state bird. Blue



Hens are noted for their fighting ability. During the Revolutionary war

Delaware soldiers fought so valiantly they were compared to these fighting cocks.

State Flower

In 1895, the

Peach Blossom



was designated the state flower. At that time Delaware was known as the "Peach State," because of its orchards; they contained more than 800,000 peach trees

State Tree

In 1939, the **American Holly** was



chosen the state tree. It is often called Christmas

holly or evergreen holly. It is regarded as one of Delaware's most important forest trees.

State Fish

In 1981, the Legislature specified



the **Weakfish** as the state fish. The

weakfish was chosen as the state fish in recognition of sport fishing's overall recreational and economic contributions to the state of Delaware

State Wildlife Animal

In 2010, the **Grey Fox** was designated the state wildlife animal.



The grey fox is indigenous to Delaware. It is capable of

running up to 28 miles per hours and the only member of the canid family (canines) which is able to climb trees.

State Marine Animal



In 2002, the **Horseshoe Crab** was designated the state marine animal.

These invertebrates contain a compound that is used to detect bacterial poisons in some human medications. Chitin, a natural polymer found in the horseshoe crab's shell, is used to make bandages.

State Mineral

In 1977, the **Sillimanite** was



adopted as the state mineral. It is widespread in the rocks of the Delaware Piedmont.

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State Soil



In 2000, **Greenwich Loam** was adopted as the state soil. It is found in all counties in Delaware.



Delaware

The First State

Color Delaware's State Symbols



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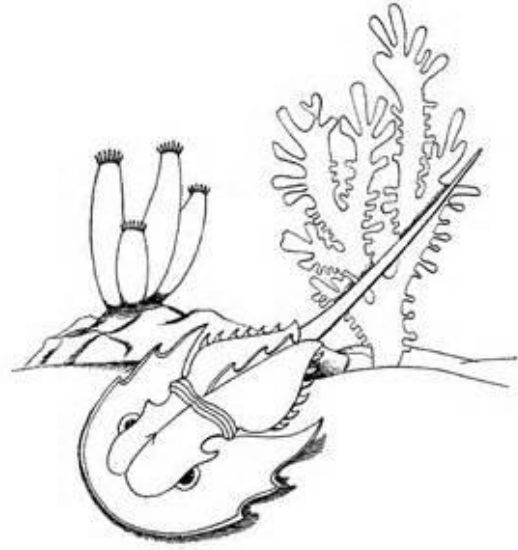
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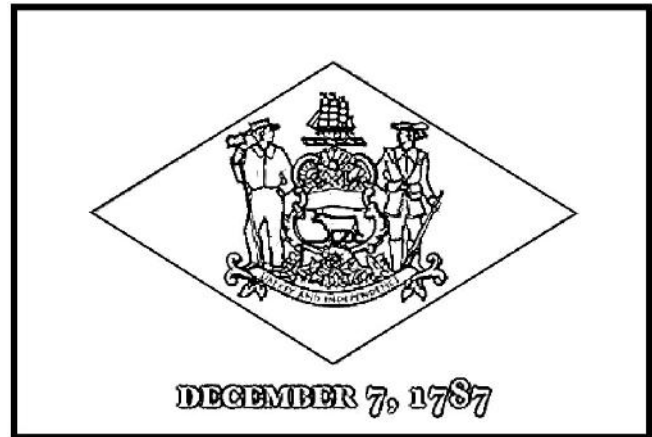
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Delaware State Wildlife Animal: Grey Fox



Delaware State Marine Animal: Horseshoe Crab



Delaware 1st State



Delaware State Motto: Liberty and Independence.
Origin of Name: From the Delaware River and Bay, which were named for Sir Thomas West, Lord DeLa Warr.