

State Bird

In 1927, the **Mockingbird** was chosen the state bird. It is a charming bird found throughout Florida.



State Flower

In 1909, the **Orange Blossom** was designated the state flower. It is one of the most fragrant flowers in Florida. Florida also chose the orange as the state fruit and orange juice as the state beverage.



State Tree

In 1953, the **Sabal Palm** was chosen the state tree. It is common throughout the state of Florida.



State Fish

In 1975, the **Largemouth Bass** was designated the state fish. The Florida largemouth bass grows to an unusually large size in Florida waters. It can reach a length of more than twenty inches and weigh more than fifteen pounds.



State Animal

In 1982, the **Florida Panther** was designated the state animal. It was chosen as the state animal by a vote of students throughout the state.



State Reptile

In 1987, the **American Alligator** was designated the state reptile. The American alligator is native to the Southeastern United States and is found throughout Florida.



State Stone

In 1979, the **Agatized Coral** was adopted as the state stone. Agatized coral is found in three main Florida locations: Tampa Bay, the Econfinia River, and the Withlacoochee/Suwannee river beds.



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State Gemstone

In 1970, the **Moonstone** was adopted as the state gem. It was chosen to memorialize American astronauts landing on the moon in 1969. Apollo II spacecraft and all astronaut-controlled spaceflights had been launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.



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Florida State Bird: Mockingbird

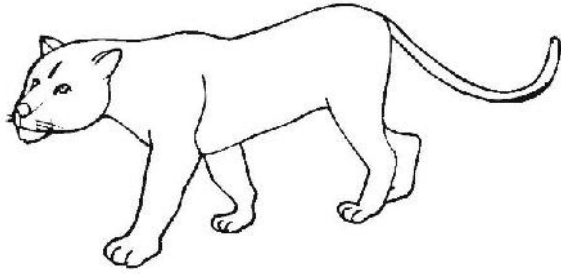


Florida State Tree: Sabal Palm

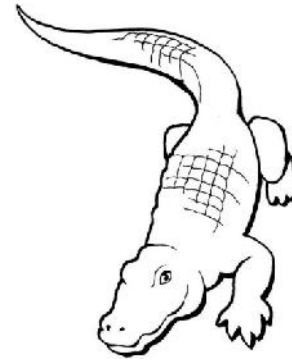


Orange Blossom

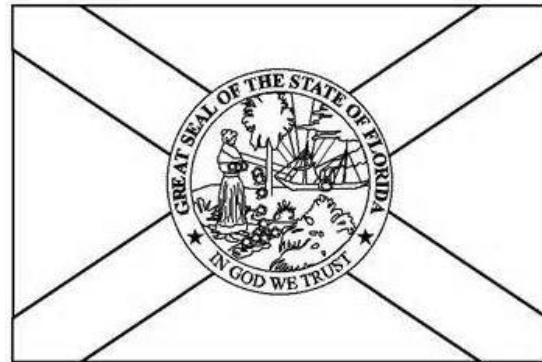
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Florida State Animal: Florida Panther



Florida State Reptile: Alligator



Florida 27th State



Michigan State Motto: In God We Trust
Origin of Name: Named on Easter 1513 by Ponce de Leon for Pascua Florida, meaning "Flowery Easter".