

## State Bird

In 1966, the **Brown Pelican** was chosen the state bird. Long before it was chosen the pelican was the unofficial symbol of Louisiana. Early European settlers were impressed with the pelican's generous and nurturing attitude toward their young.



## State Flower

In 1900, the **Magnolia** was designated the state flower. There is an abundant growth of this tree throughout the State of Louisiana.



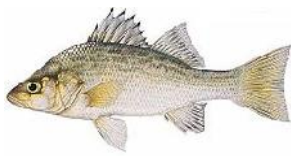
## State Tree

In 1963, the **Bald Cypress** was chosen the state tree. It is a tree that grows in many areas of Louisiana, especially in swampy areas. It is a deciduous tree that loses its needles in the fall giving the tree a "bald" appearance.



## State Freshwater Fish

In 1993, the **White Perch**, also known as sac-a-lait, was chosen the state freshwater fish.



## State Mammal

In 1992, the **Black Bear** was designated the state mammal. The Louisiana Black Bear has long black hair with a white patch sometimes present on the lower throat and chest.



## State Reptile

In 1983, the **Alligator** designated the state reptile. It is common in the swamps, bayous, marshes, and rivers of Louisiana and other southeastern states.



## State Gemstone

In 2011, the cabochon cut gemstone derived from the *Crassostrea virginica* mollusk (a species of oyster shell) was adopted as the state gemstone. This species of oyster is found off the Louisiana coast.



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## State Mineral

In 2003, **Agate** was adopted as the state mineral. Agate is found in Louisiana gravel.



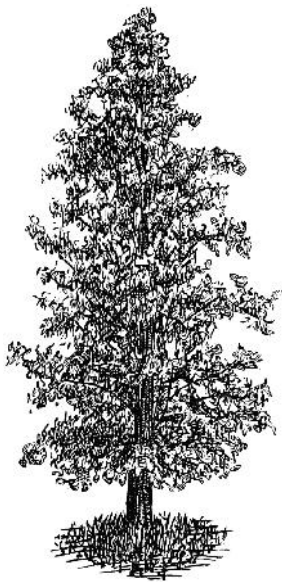
# Louisiana

The Pelican State

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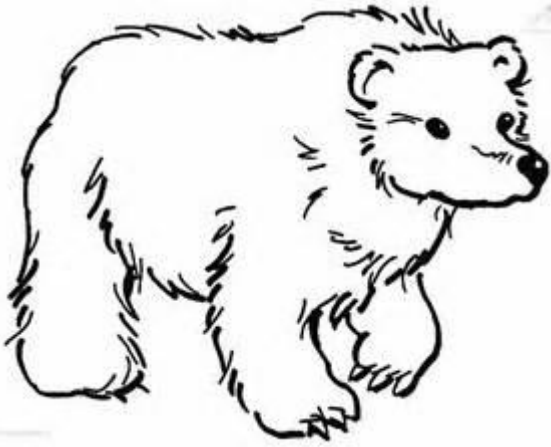
Louisiana State Bird: Eastern Brown Pelican



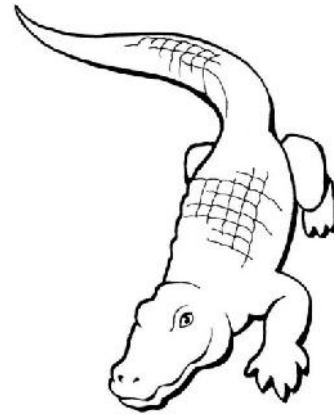
Louisiana State Tree: Bald Cypress



Louisiana State Flower: Magnolia



Louisiana State Animal: Black Bear



Louisiana State Reptile: Alligator



### Louisiana 18th State

Louisiana State Motto: Union, justice, and confidence.

Origin of Name: Named in honor of France's King Louis XIV.

