State Bird



In 1927, the Chickadee was chosen the state bird. The black-

capped chickadee does not migrate. It is a common sight in the woods and backyards of Maine.

State Flower



In 1895, the White Pine cone and tassel

was

designated the state flower. The white pine is considered the largest conifer in the northeastern United States.

State Tree

In 1945, the towering White Pine



was chosen the state tree. The Eastern white pine is a large pine tree native to eastern

North America.

State Fish

In 1969, the Landlocked Salmon was chosen as the state fish. It



lives in the lakes of the northern

United States without ever descending to sea.

State Animal

In 1979, the Moose was designated the state animal.

It is the largest member of the



deer family in the world. In North America it is found in wooded areas of Canada and the northern United States.

State Cat



In 1985, the Maine Coon Cat was designated the state cat. It is regarded as a native of the state of Maine.

State Insect

In 1975, the Honeybee was adopted as the state insect.



Honeybees play a critical to plant and human survival and they play

an important role in agriculture.

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State Gemstone

In 1971, Tourmaline was adopted



as the state gem. It ranges in color from

black or white to vibrant shades of red, green, and blue.







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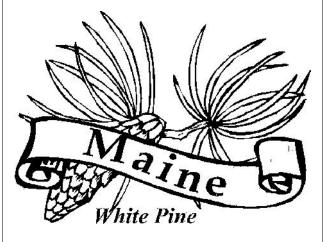


Maine State Bird: Black-Capped Chickadee



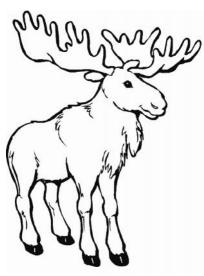


Maine State Tree: White Pine

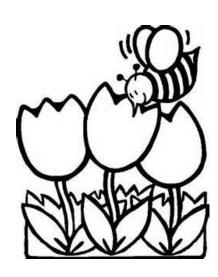


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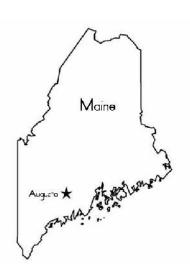
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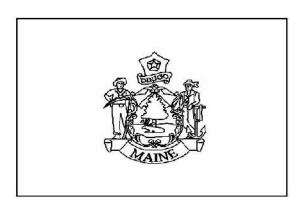
Maine State Animal: Moose



Maine State Insect: Honeybee









Maine 23rd State

Maine State Motto: Dirigo (I direct).

Origin of Name: Used to distinguish the mainland from the offshore islands..