

State Bird



In 1950, the **Cardinal** (*Cardinal*

is cardinalis) was chosen the state bird. It has bright plumage and a cheerful song. In eighteenth-century England, the cardinal was called "the Virginia nightingale."

State Flower

In 1918, the **American Dogwood** was designated the state flower.



State Tree



In 1956, the **American Dogwood** was

chosen the state tree. The dogwood is well distributed throughout the Virginia Commonwealth.

State Fish

In 1993, the **Brook Trout**



was chosen as the state fresh water fish. It can be found in Virginia's brooks, lakes and streams.

State Insect

In 1991, the **Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly** was designated the state insect.



State Animal

In 1966, the **American Foxhound** was



designated the state dog. George Washington imported foxhounds from England and received French foxhounds from the Marquis de Lafayette. These hounds bred by Washington, are the founders of today's American Foxhound.

State Fossil

In 1993 the **Chesapecten jeffersonius** was adopted as the state fossil.



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State Bat



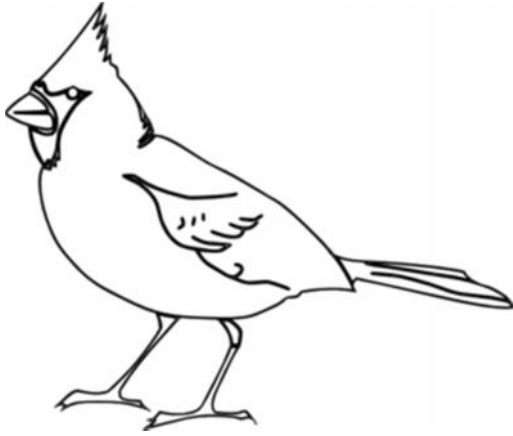
In 2005, the **Virginia Big-Eared Bat** ()

was designated

the state bat. This symbol helps to educate Virginians about caves and the creatures that inhabit them.



Color Virginia's State Symbols



Virginia State Bird: Cardinal



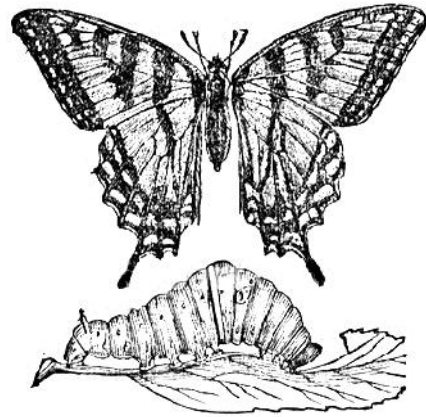
Virginia State Tree: American Dogwood



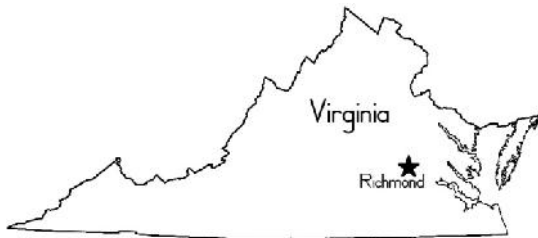
Virginia State Flower: American Dogwood



Virginia State Animal: American Foxhound



Virginia State Insect: Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly



Virginia 10th State



Virginia State Motto: Sic Semper tyrannis (Thus always to tyrants).

Origin of Name: Virginia was named in honor of Elizabeth I of England.