










<p>State Bird</p>  <p>In 1949, the Cardinal (<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>) was chosen the state bird.</p>	<p>State Flower</p> <p>In 1903, the Rhododendron was designated the state flower. It is found in throughout West Virginia.</p> 	<p>State Tree</p> <p>In 1949, the Sugar Mabel was chosen the state tree. It is closely as the state tree by votes from public school students and civic organizations.</p> 
<p>State Fish</p> <p>In 1973, the Brook Trout was chosen as the state fish. It is the only trout specie s native to West Virginia streams.</p> 	<p>State Animal</p> <p>In 1954, the Black Bear was designated the state animal. It is the only species of bear in the state.</p> 	<p>State Reptile</p> <p>In 2008, the Timber Rattlesnake was designated the state reptile.</p> 
<p>State Stone</p> <p>In 2009, the Bituminous Coal adopted as the state stone. West Virginia is the nation's second largest producer of coal</p>  <p>A to Z Kids Stuff http://www.aozkidsstuff.com</p>	<p>State Gemstone</p> <p>In 1990, Chalcedony (Lithostrotionella) was adopted as the state gem.</p> 	 

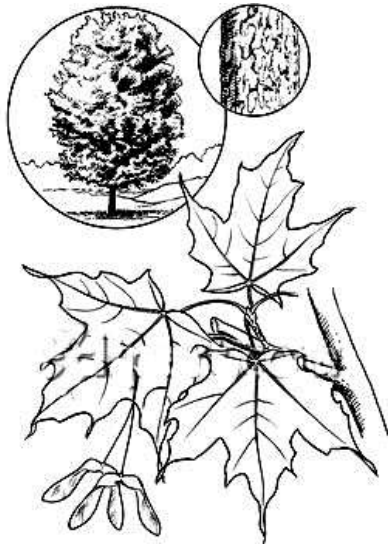
West Virginia

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West Virginia State Bird: Cardinal

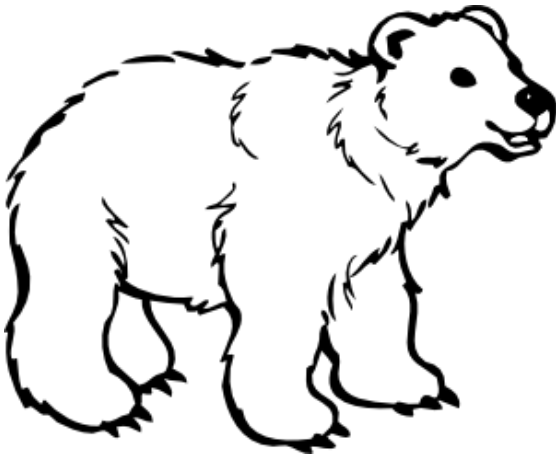


West Virginia State Tree: Sugar Maple

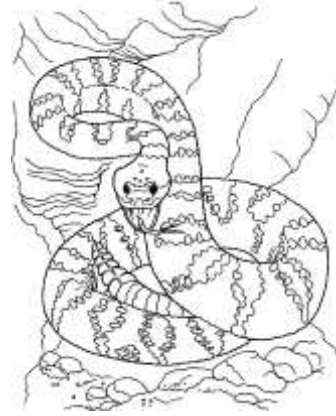


Rhododendron

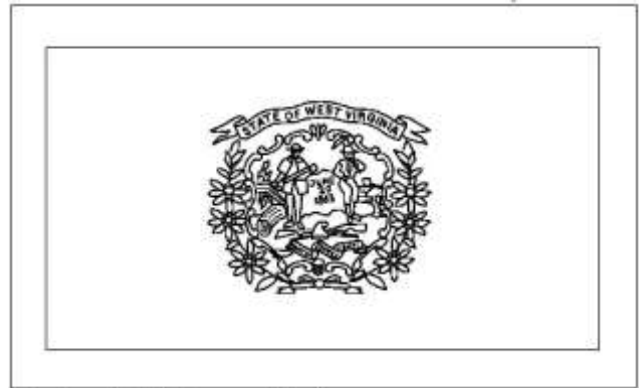
West Virginia State Flower: Rhododendron



West Virginia State Animal: Black Bear



West Virginia State Reptile: Timber Rattlesnake



West Virginia 35th State



West Virginia State Motto: *Montani semper liberi*--
Mountaineers are always free.

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