

## State Bird



In 1949, the **Greater Roadrunner** was chosen as the state bird. It is also called the Chaparral Bird. Roadrunners are found in the American southwest.

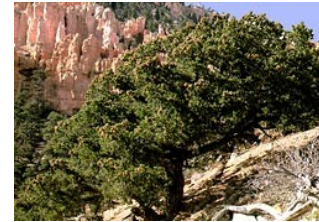
## State Flower



In 1927, the **Yucca** was designated the state flower. It was selected after a survey of schoolchildren of New Mexico. The students choice was supported by the New Mexico Federation of Women's Clubs

## State Tree

In 1948, the **Piñon Pine** was chosen as the state tree. It is found mostly in New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, and Arizona. It grows slowly and adult trees are usually within 14-35 feet tall.



## State Fish

In 1955 the **Cutthroat Trout** was designated the state fish. It needs cold mountain streams and lakes.



## State Mammal



In 1963, the **Black Bear** was designated the state mammal.

Smokey Bear was a cub found injured in a tree after a 17,000 acre forest fire in 1950. Smokey was selected by the **U.S.** Forest Service as a spokesman and symbol for fire prevention campaigns.

## State Insect



A group of elementary students in Edgewood, New Mexico selected three insects as candidates for state insect.

They mailed ballots to all schools for a state election. The **Tarantula Hawk Wasp** was the winner. In 1989, it was designated the state insect. This is a huge wasp, - up to two inches long.

## State Reptile



In 2003, the **New Mexico Whiptail Lizard** was adopted as the state reptile. They are very fast and often run upright

on their hind legs.

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## State Gem

In 1967, **Turquoise** was adopted the state gem. It is found in desert and arid environments. It is one of the most recognized semiprecious gemstones.



People have fashioned turquoise into ornamental jewelry, beads, inlays, and carvings.



# New Mexico

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# Color New Mexico's State Symbols



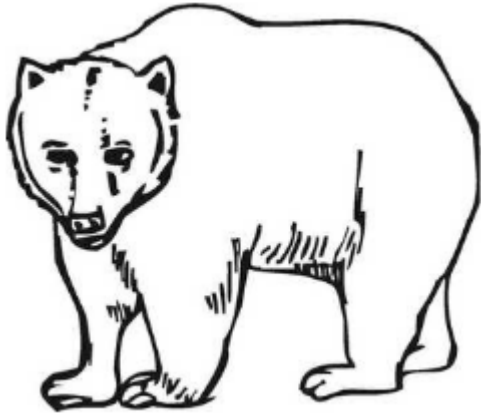
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New Mexico States Tree: Pinon Pine



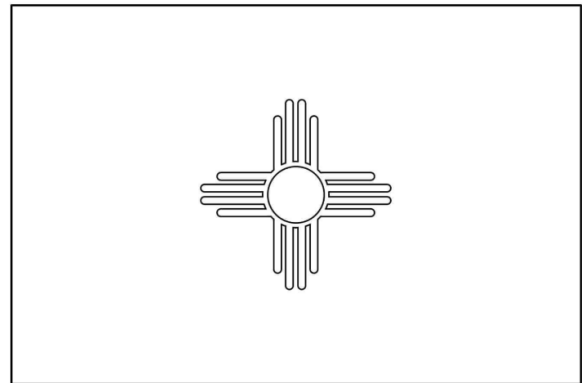
New Mexico State Flower: Yucca



New Mexico State Mammal: Black Bear



New Mexico State Aircraft: Hot Air Balloon



New Mexico 47<sup>th</sup> State

Georgia State Motto: 'Crescit Eundo' (It Grows As It Goes)

Origin of Name: From the country of Mexico.