

State Bird



In 1955 the Willow Ptarmigan was chosen the state

bird. Ptarmigan are arctic grouse. The willow ptarmigan changes color from light brown in summer to snow white in winter for camouflage from predators.

State Flower

In 1917 the Forget-me-not was designated the state flower. It was a popular representative of the Alaska Territory years before Alaska entered the Union.



State Tree



In 1962, the Sitka Spruce was chosen the state tree. It was named for Sitka Sound in

Alaska. The Sitka spruce is the tallest conifer in the world.

State Fish

In 1962, the Giant King Salmon, also called Chinook salmon, was



chosen as the state fish. It is

native to the Pacific coast of North America and is the largest of all Pacific salmon.

State Mammal

In 1998, the Moose was designated the state land mammal.



Moose are the largest member of the deer family

State Insect

In 1995, the Four Spot Skimmer Dragonfly was designated the



state insect. It won the vote by Alaskan

school children to become the state insect.

State Mineral

In 1968, the Gold was adopted as the state mineral.



It represents a part of the state's history—the Alaska Gold Rush.

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State Gemstone

In 1968, Jade was adopted as the state gem. There are large deposits of jade in Alaska.



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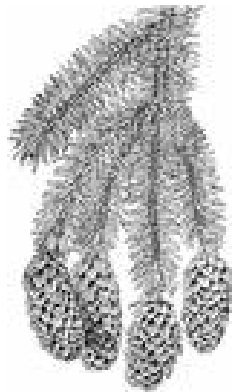
Alaskan jade are found along the Seward Peninsula.



Color Alaska's State Symbols



Alaska State Bird: Willow Ptarmigan



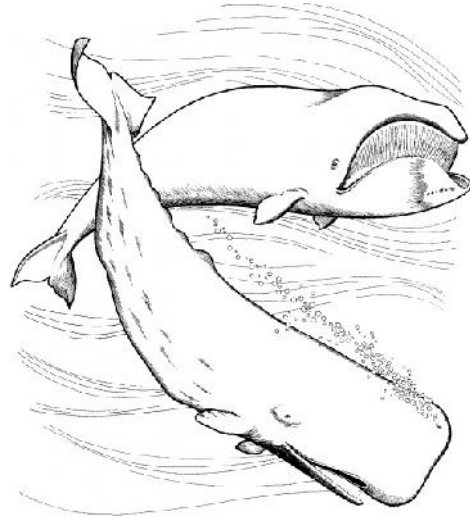
Alaska State Tree: Sitka spruce



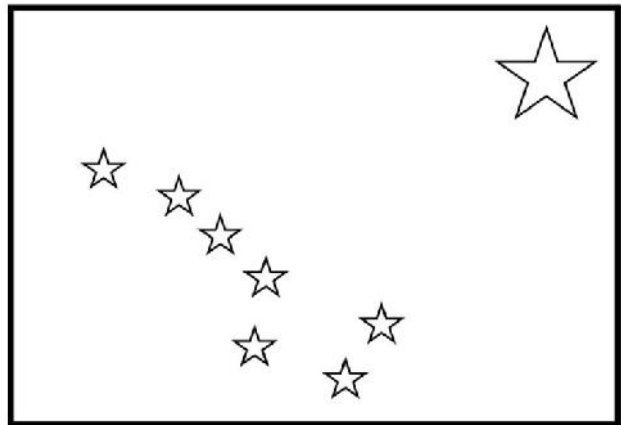
Alaska State Flower: Forget-me-not



Alaska State Land Mammal: Moose



Alaska State Marine Mammal: Bowhead whale



Alaska 49th State



Alaska State Motto: North To The Future
Origin of Name: The name Alaska is derived from the Aleut word "Alyeska," meaning "great land."