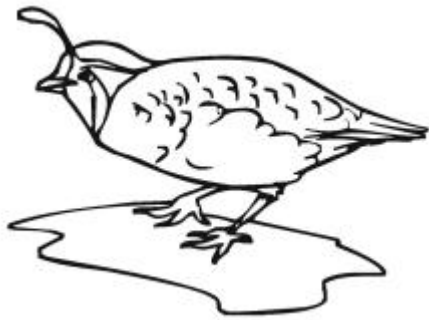


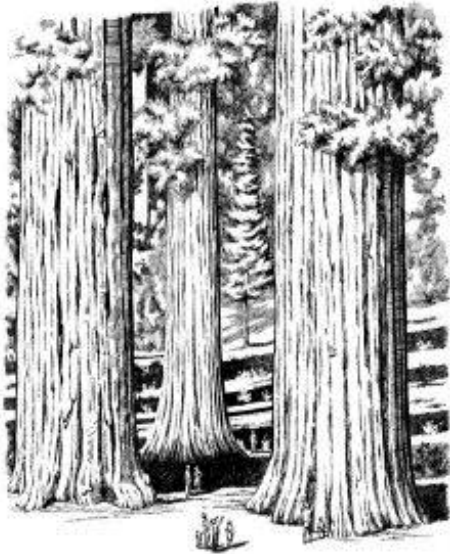
 <p>State Bird In 1931, the Valley Quail (<i>Lophortyx californica</i>) was chosen the state bird. The Valley Quail found in California and the South West.</p>	<p>State Flower In 1903, the golden poppy, or California Poppy (<i>Eschsholtzia californica</i>) was designated the state flower. Its golden blooms were deemed a fitting symbol for the Golden State.</p> 	<p>State Tree Since 1937 the Giant Sequoia has been the state tree. Giant Sequoias grow on the Pacific coast and mostly in California.</p> 
<p>State Fish 1947 the Golden Trout became the state fish. It is only found in California.</p> 	<p>State Animal In 1953, the Grizzly Bear was chosen as the state animal. The grizzly bear appeared on the first state flag but it is not extinct in California.</p> 	<p>State Insect In 1929, the California dogface butterfly (<i>Zerene eurydice</i>), also called "dog head butterfly" became the state insect. This butterfly is only found in California.</p> 
<p>State Reptile In 1972, the Desert Tortoise (<i>Gopherus agassizi</i>) became the state reptile. The desert tortoise is the state reptile of two states, California and Nevada.</p> 	<p>State Gemstone In 1985, Benitoite a beautiful blue gemstone became the state gemstone. This gemstone was named benitoite after its location near the headwaters of the San Benito River, California.</p> 	 

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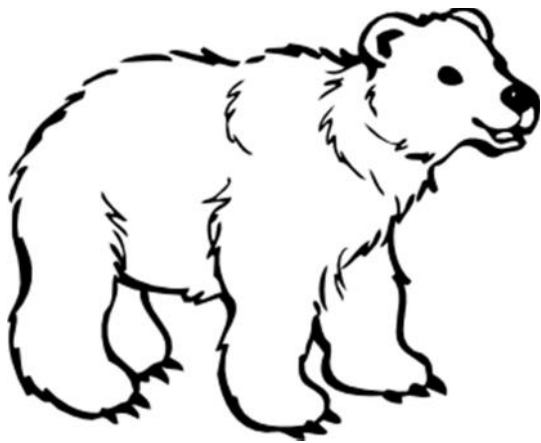
California State Bird: Valley Quail



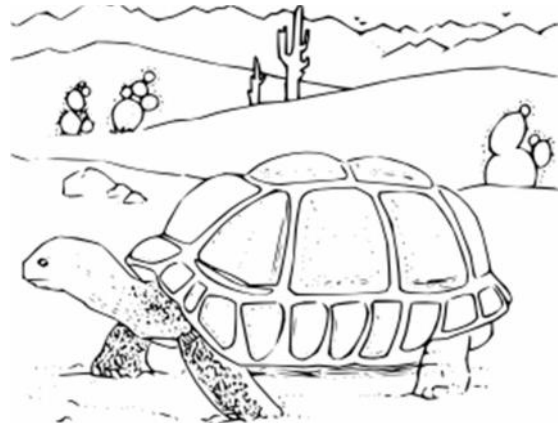
California State Tree: Giant Sequoia



California State Flower: California Golden Poppy



California State Animal: Grizzly Bear



California State Reptile: Desert Tortoise



California 31st State



California State Motto is Eureka (I have found it)

Origin of Name: Named by the Spanish after Califia, for the mythical earthly paradise in a book called Las Sergas de Esplanidian, written by Garcia Ordonez de Montalvo in 1510.