

State Bird



In 1961, the Common Loon was chosen the state bird. One of Minnesota's nicknames is the Land of 10,000 Lakes. For the Land of 10,000 Lakes, the common loon, a water bird, is a fitting symbol.

State Flower

In 1902, the Pink and White Lady Slipper was designated the state flower. It is protected by Minnesota law. It is illegal to pick the flowers or to uproot or unearth the plants.



State Tree



In 1953, the Red Pine also called the Norway Pine was chosen the state tree. It is a sturdy and majestic tree. The Red Pine was named the Norway by early explorers who thought the tree was a pine they had seen back home in Norway.

State Fish

In 1965, the Walleye was designated the state fish. Walleyes are a popular game fish found throughout Minnesota's lakes and rivers.



State Butterfly

Promoted by a fourth-grade class in Mahtomedi, in 2000, the Monarch Butterfly was designated the state butterfly.



State Fruit

In 2006, the Honeycrisp Apple was designated the state fruit. The Honeycrisp apple variety was developed at the University of Minnesota. It was suggested as a state symbol by a class of students in Bayport.



State Grain

In 1977, Wild Rice was designated as the state grain. Wild rice is an aquatic grass not related to common rice. Wild rice is native to North America and grows predominantly in the Great Lakes region.

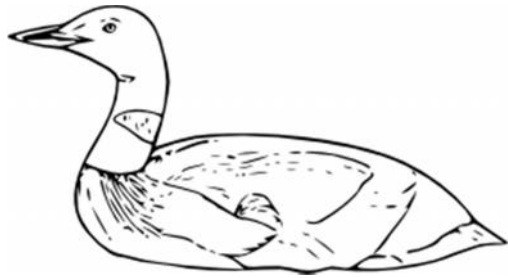


State Gemstone

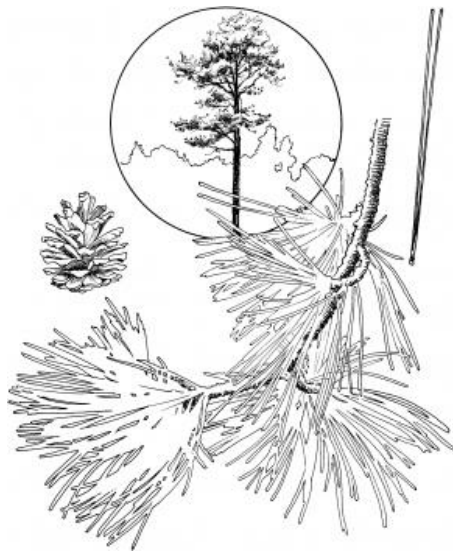
In 1969, the Lake Superior agate was adopted as the state gem. It is a beautiful quartz stone banded with rich red and orange colors.



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Minnesota State Bird: Common Loon



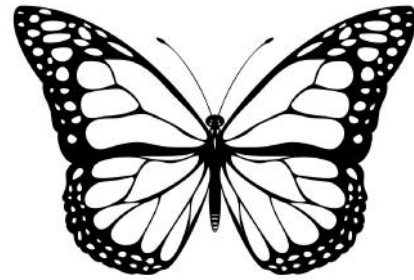
Minnesota State Tree: Red (or Norway) Pine



Minnesota State Flower:
Pink and White Lady Slipper



Minnesota Grain: Wild Rice



Minnesota State Butterfly: Monarch



Minnesota 32nd State

Based on the Dakota Sioux word Minisota. It is based on the Dakota Sioux Indian word "sky-tinted waters." Centuries ago, that is what the Dakota named the river now called the Minnesota River.

