

<p><b>State Bird</b></p>  <p>In 1927, the Bluebird chosen the state bird. These birds have red, white and blue feathers. They can be seen in Missouri from early spring until late fall.</p>	<p><b>State Flower</b></p>  <p>In 1923, the Hawthorn Blossom was designated the state flower. Hawthorn blossoms are white and grow in bunches on hawthorn trees. They are common in southern Missouri.</p>	<p><b>State Tree</b></p>  <p>In 1955, the Flowering Dogwood was chosen the state tree. A small tree with large showy flowers in the spring and red berries in the fall.</p>
<p><b>State Fish</b></p>  <p>In 1997, the Channel Catfish was designated the state fish. It has whiskers like a cat which it uses to find food. This is the most numerous catfish species in North America.</p>	<p><b>State Animal</b></p>  <p>In 1995, the Missouri Mule was designated the state animal. It is known for being a strong animal. In the 1800's it was used to pull pioneer wagons to the west. For many years, Missouri was the state that raised the most mules.</p>	<p><b>State Amphibian:</b></p>  <p>In 2005, the American Bullfrog designated the state amphibian. It is the largest frog native to Missouri and is found in every county.</p>
<p><b>State Rock</b></p>  <p>In 1967, the Mozarkite (was adopted as the state rock. It can be green, red, or purple and when polished is used to make jewelry. It is found in southern Missouri.</p> <p>A to Z Kids Stuff <a href="http://www.aozkidsstuff.com">http://www.aozkidsstuff.com</a></p>	<p><b>State Mineral</b></p>  <p>In 1967, Galena was adopted as the state mineral. It is mined in many areas of Missouri. It is dark gray and is a major source of lead.</p>	 

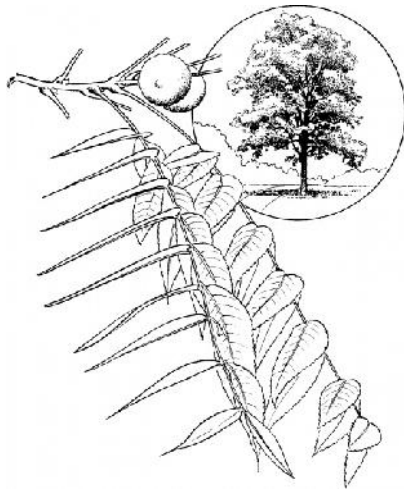
# Missouri

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# Color Missouri's State Symbols



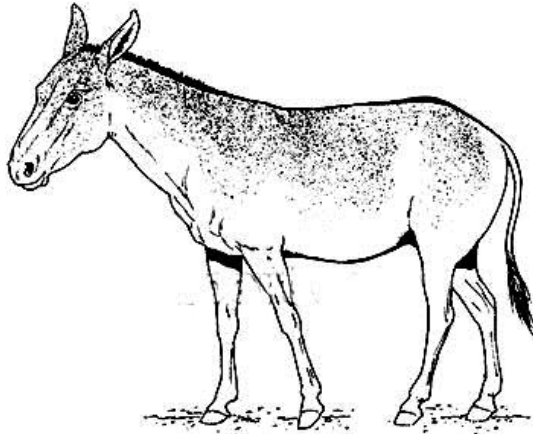
Missouri State Bird: Bluebird



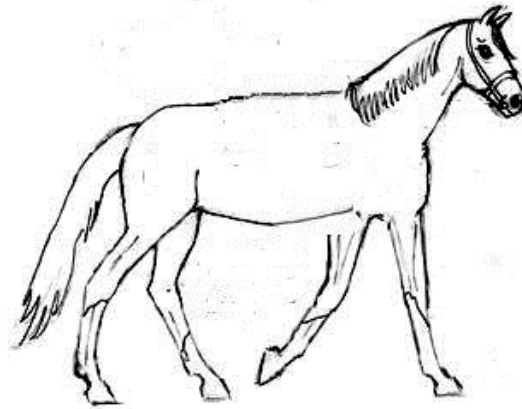
Missouri State Tree: Eastern Black Walnut



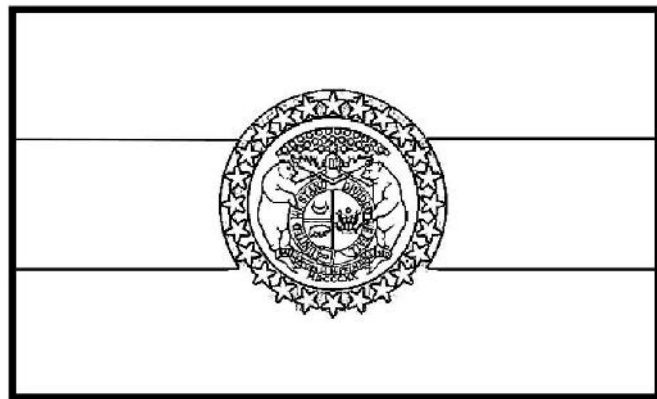
Missouri State Flower: Hawthorn



Missouri State Animal: Missouri Mule



Missouri State Horse: Fox Trotting Horse



### Missouri 20th State

Missouri State Motto: *Salus populi suprema lex esto* (The welfare of the people shall be the supreme law)

Origin of Name: Named after a tribe called Missouri Indians; meaning "town of the large canoes".

