

## State Bird



In 1954, the Rhode Island Red chicken was chosen the state bird. This

breed of chicken was developed in Little Compton, Rhode Island in 1854 for the production of eggs.

## State Flower

In 1968, the Violet was designated the state flower. Rhode Island was the last state to adopt an official



state flower.

## State Tree



In 1964, the Red Maple was chosen the state tree.

The leaves turn gold, purple, and scarlet, adding beautiful color to Rhode Island forest.

## State Fish

In 2000, the Striped Bass was chosen as the state fish.



## State Fruit



In 1991, the Greening Apple was designated the state fruit.

Developed in Rhode Island around 1796, greening apples are colored yellow-green and retain their sharp taste in cooking.

## State Shell

In 1987, the Quahog was designated the state shell. It is a hard round clam. The Native Americans



used quahog shells to make beads that they used as money (wampum).

## State Rock

In 1966, the Cumberlandite was adopted as the state rock. A dark brown or black rock with white markings. It is found on both sides of Narragansett Bay. It will attract a magnet.



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## State Mineral

In 1968, Bowenite was adopted as the state mineral. a close relative of jade It is found in northern Rhode Island. It was first discovered in the early 1800's by geologist George Bowen.



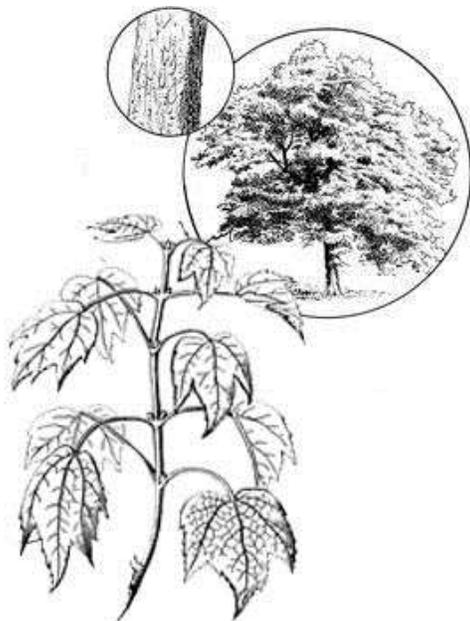
# Rhode Island

The Ocean State

# Color Rhode Island's State Symbols



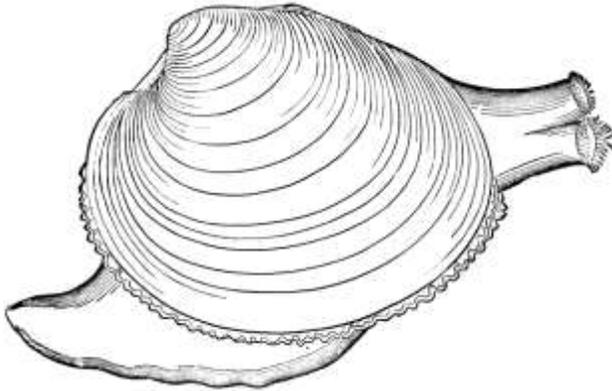
Rhode Island State Bird: Rhode Island Red



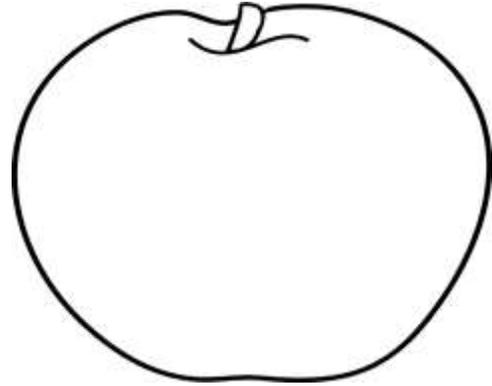
Rhode Island State Tree: Red Maple



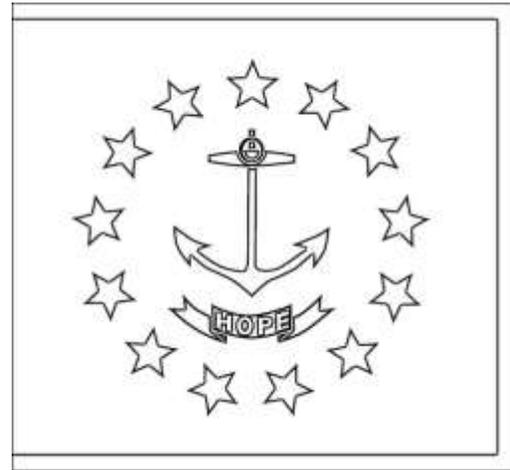
Rhode Island State Flower: Violet



Rhode Island State Shell: Quahog



Rhode Island State Fruit: Greening Apple



### Rhode Island 13th State



Rhode Island State Motto: Hope.

Origin of Name: From the Greek Island of Rhodes.

Or it was named by Dutch explorer Adrian Block.

He named it "Roodt Eylandt" meaning "red island" in reference to the red clay that lined the shore.