

 <p>State Bird In 1929, the Northern Cardinal was chosen the state bird. Illinois schoolchildren selected the cardinal as state bird of Illinois.</p>	 <p>State Flower In 1908, the blue violet was designated the state flower. There are eight species of blue-flowered violets in the state.</p>	<p>State Tree In 1973, the White Oak tree was selected by a vote of school as the state tree.</p> 
<p>State Fish In 1986, Illinois school children selected the blue gill as the state fish.</p> 	<p>State Animal In 1982, the White-Tailed Deer (<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>) was selected by a vote of Illinois schoolchildren as the state animal.</p> 	<p>State Reptile In 2005, the Painted Turtle (<i>Chrysemys picta</i>) was designated the state reptile. It was chosen by voting for the state reptile was done on the internet.</p> 
<p>State Prairie Grass In 1989, Big bluestem also called Prairie tall grass was designated as the state prairie grass.</p>  <p>A to Z Kids Stuff http://www.aozkidsstuff.com</p>	<p>State Mineral In 1965, Fluorite was adopted as the state mineral. Fluorite occurs in veins in the limestone bedrock and Illinois is the largest producer of fluorite in the United States. Fluorite can show many different colors depending on tiny amounts of other elements taking the place in the mineral structure.</p> 	 

Illinois

The Prairie State

Color Illinois's State Symbols



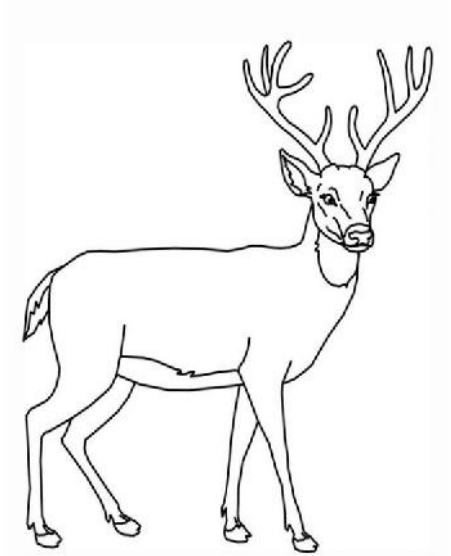
Illinois State Bird: Northern Cardinal



Illinois State Tree: White Oak



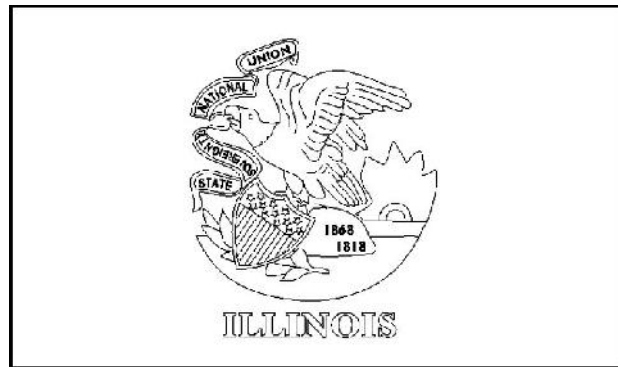
Illinois State Flower: Violet



Illinois State Animal: White-Tailed Deer



Illinois State Insect: Monarch Butterfly



Illinois 21st State

Illinois State Motto: State Sovereignty, National Union

Origin of Name: From an Indian word and French suffix, meaning "tribe of superior men".

