

State Bird



In 1937, the Western Meadowlark was chosen the state bird. It was chosen as the state bird by a vote of Kansas school children.

State Flower



In 1903, the Wild Native Sunflower was designated the state flower. It is a native wild flower common throughout Kansas with a historic symbolism which speaks of frontier days.

State Tree

In 1934, the Cottonwood was chosen the state tree. Homesteaders on the Kansas prairie routinely planted the fast-growing cottonwood for shade, warmth, and cooking fuel. The cottonwood tree has been called "the pioneer tree of Kansas".



State Amphibian

In 1994, the Barred Tiger Salamander was chosen the state amphibian. It is found throughout most of Kansas and is the largest terrestrial (lives on land) salamander in the world. It grows 6 to 8 inches in length and can grow up to 13 inches.



State Animal

In 1955, the American Buffalo (bison) was designated the state animal. At one time American Buffalos were the most abundant grazing animal in North America.



State Reptile

In 1986, the Ornate Box Turtle was designated the state reptile. It is one of only two terrestrial (lives on land) turtles that lives on the Great Plains of the USA.



State Insect

In 1976, the Honeybee was adopted as the state insect. It is one of the most familiar insects and a valuable insect that produces honey and beeswax.



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Agricultural



Kansas has a strong agricultural tradition. The state produces high yields of wheat, grain, and sorghum production.



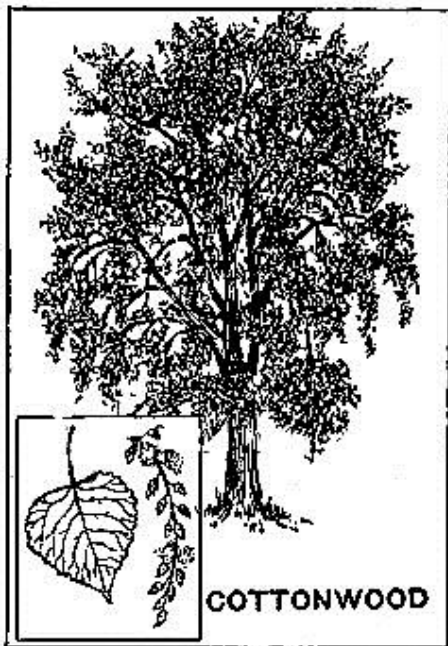
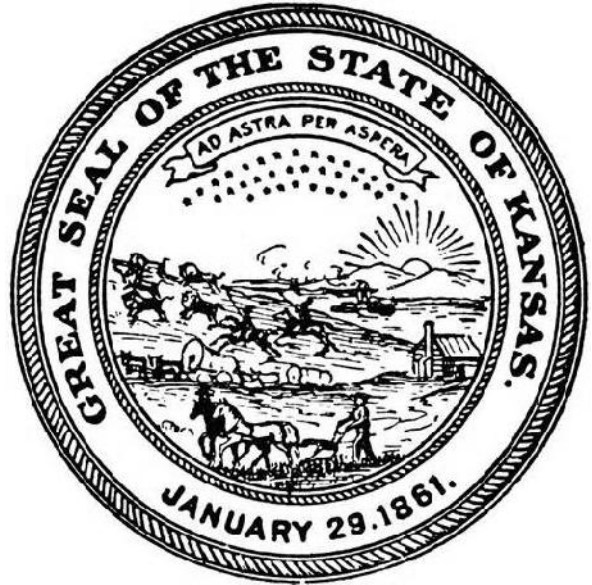
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The Sunflower State

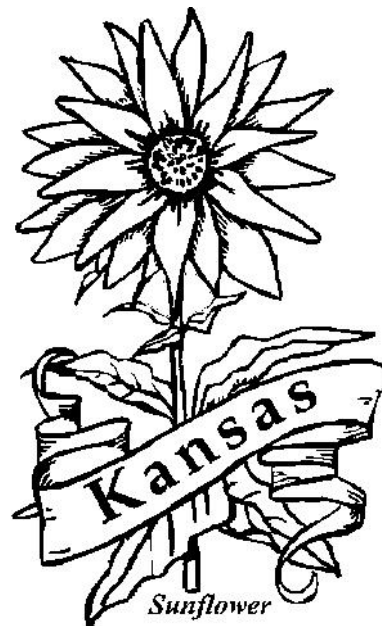
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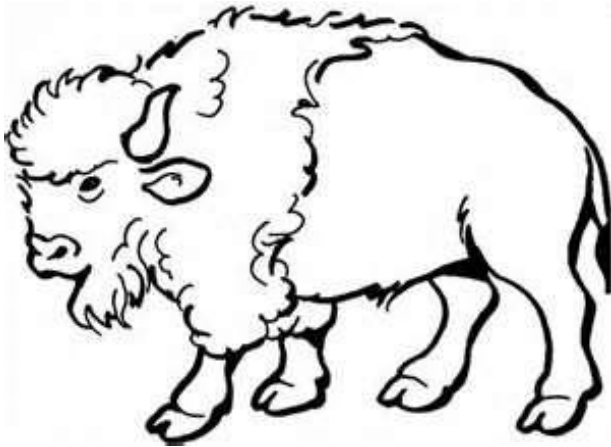
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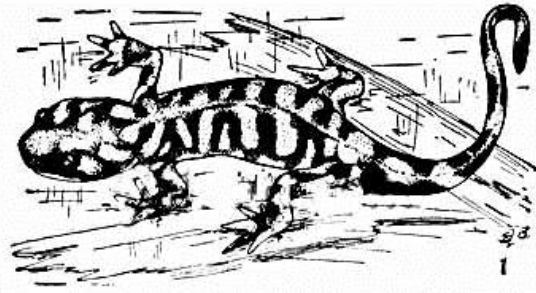
Kansas State Tree: Cottonwood



Kansas State Flower: Wild Native Sunflower



Kansas State Animal: American Buffalo



Kansas State Reptile: Barred Tiger Salamander



Kansas 34th State

Kansas State Motto: Ad Astra Per Aspera (To the Stars Through Difficulties)

Origin of Name: Named after the Indians that the Sioux called the Konza, meaning "people of the south wind".

