

State Bird

In 1941, the **Black-Capped Chickadee** was chosen the state



bird. It is common backyard bird and is found in the northern

two thirds of the United States and much of Canada.

State Flower

In 1918, the **Mayflower** was designated



the state flower.

The plant bears the same name as the rugged vessel that carried the state's most famous residents, the Pilgrims, to its shores in 1620.

State Tree

In 1941, the **American Elm** was chosen the state tree. It



commemorates when General George Washington took command of the

Continental Army beneath an American elm on Cambridge Common in 1775.

State Fish

In 1974 the **Cod** fish was chosen



as the state fish. It has been a symbol of Massachusetts for over 200 years.

State Marine Mammal

In 1980, the **Right Whale** was



designated the state mammal. It is found nearer the shore than other whales.

State Reptile

In 2007, the **Garter Snake** was designated the state reptile.



State Gemstone

In 1979, the **Rhodonite** was adopted as the state gem. It is one of the most beautiful gem



materials found in the state. It's color varies from light pink to a deep rose.

State Rock

In 1983, **Roxbury Puddingstone** was adopted as the state rock. It is found only in the Boston Basin



Massachusetts Bay State

Color Massachusetts's State Symbols



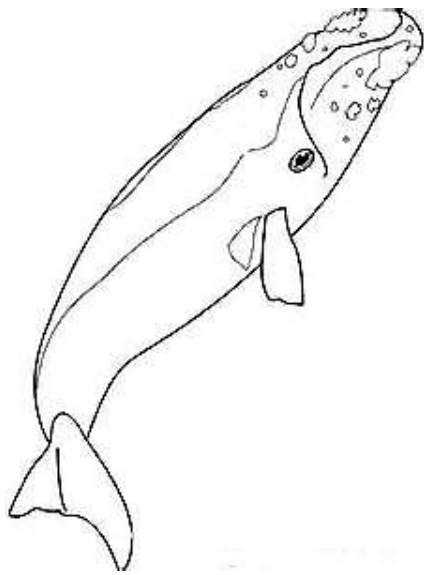
Massachusetts State Bird: Black-Capped
Chickadee



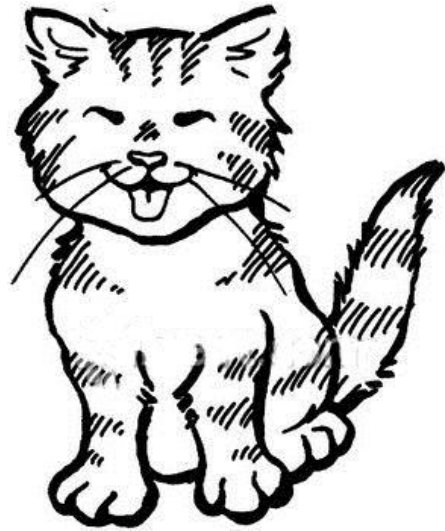
Massachusetts State Tree: American Elm



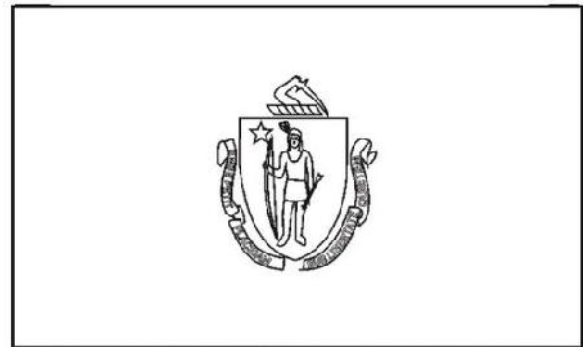
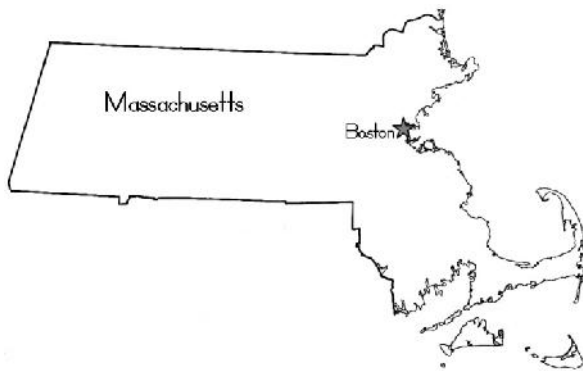
Massachusetts State Flower: Mayflower



Massachusetts State Marine Mammal:
Right Whale



Massachusetts State Cat: Tabby Cat



Massachusetts 6th State

Massachusetts State Motto: Ense petit placidam
sub libertate quietem (By the sword we seek peace,
but peace only under liberty)

Origin of Name: From Massachusetts tribe of
Native Americans who lived in the Great Blue Hill
region, south of Boston. The Indian term means "at
or about the Great Hill".

