

## State Bird



In 1943, the **Cardinal** was chosen the state bird. The cardinal was chosen by popular choice as North Carolina's state bird.

## State Flower

In 1941, the **Dogwood** was designated the state flower. Dogwood trees can be found in all parts of North Carolina.



## State Tree



In 1963, the **Pine** was chosen the state tree. Eight types of pine trees grow in NC. The pine tree is found in all parts of the State. It is believed the state's nickname "Tar Heel State" came about because NC is rich in tar, pitch, and turpentine from its pine forests.

## State Fish

In 1971, the Channel Bass was chosen as the state fish. It occurs in great supply along the coastal waters of North Carolina.



## State Mammal

In 1969, the **Gray Squirrel** was designated the state mammal. They are found in most areas of the State.



## State Dog

In 1989, the **Plott Hound** was designated the state dog. It originated in the mountains of North Carolina around 1750 and is the only breed known to have originated in this State.



## State Stone

In 1973, the **Emerald** was adopted as the state stone. A greater variety of minerals, more than 300, have been found in North Carolina than in any other state. The largest Emerald ever found in North Carolina was 1,438 carats and was found at Hiddenite.



A to Z Kids Stuff <http://www.aozkidsstuff.com>

## State Fruit

In 2001, the **Scuppernong grape** was chosen as the state fruit. It was named for the Scuppernong River in NC. It is believed the Roanoke colonists discovered the Scuppernong "Mother Vineyard," a vine that is now over 400 years old with a trunk more than two feet thick.



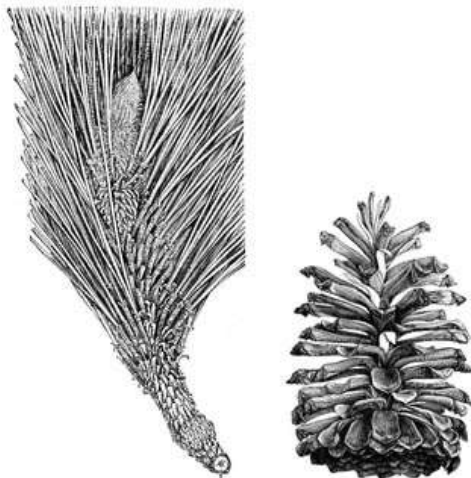
# North Carolina

Tar Heel State

# Color North Carolina's State Symbols



North Carolina State Bird: Cardinal



North Carolina State Tree: Pine



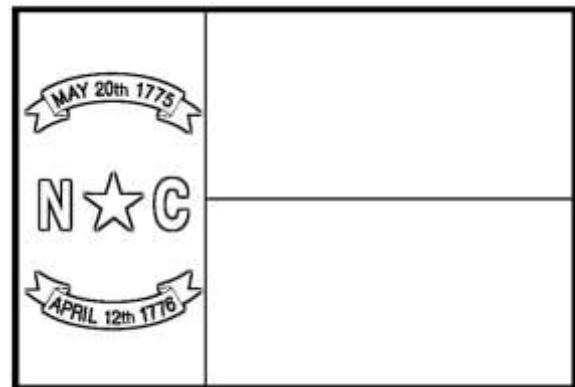
North Carolina State Flower: Dogwood



North Carolina State Animal: Gray Squirrel



North Carolina State Dog: Plott Hound



### North Carolina 12th State

North Carolina State Motto: "Esse Quam Videri"  
(To be rather than to seem).

Origin of Name: In honor of Charles I of England.

