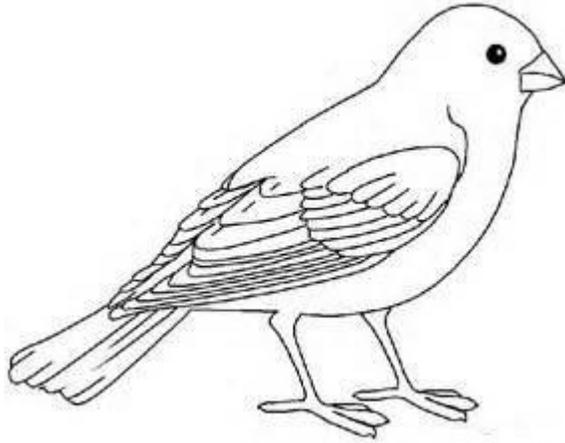


<h3>State Bird</h3>  <p>In 1931, the Lark Bunting was chosen the state bird. It is a medium-sized American sparrow native of the Great Plains.</p>	<h3>State Flower</h3> <p>In 1899, the Rocky Mountain Columbine was designated the state flower. It was discovered in 1820 on Pike's Peak by mountain climber Edwin James.</p> 	<h3>State Tree</h3>  <p>In 1939, the Colorado Blue Spruce was chosen the state tree. It was first discovered on Pikes Peak in 1862 and named by botanist C.C. Parry.</p>
<h3>State Fish</h3>  <p>In 1994, the Greenback Cutthroat Trout was chosen as the state fish. It is found in many streams and rivers throughout Colorado.</p>	<h3>State Animal</h3>  <p>In 1961, the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep was designated the state animal. It is native to rugged mountainous areas of western North America.</p>	<h3>State Reptile</h3>  <p>In 2008, the Painted Turtle was designated the state reptile. It was chosen due to the efforts of Jay Baichi's fourth grade students.</p>
<h3>State Mineral</h3> <p>In 2002, the Rhodochrosite was adopted as the state mineral.</p>  <p>A to Z Kids Stuff http://www.aozkidsstuff.com</p>	<h3>State Gemstone</h3>  <p>In 1971, Aquamarine was adopted as the state gem. Aquamarine greenstones are found on the mountain peaks of Mount Antero and White Mountain in Colorado.</p>	 

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Colorado State Bird: Lark Bunting



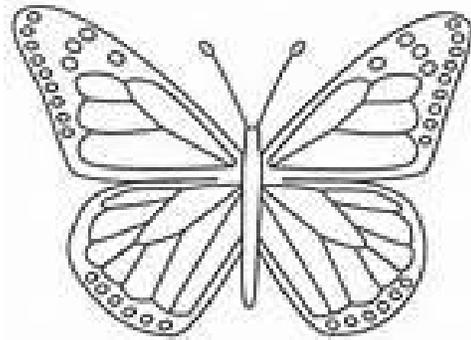
Colorado State Tree: Blue Spruce



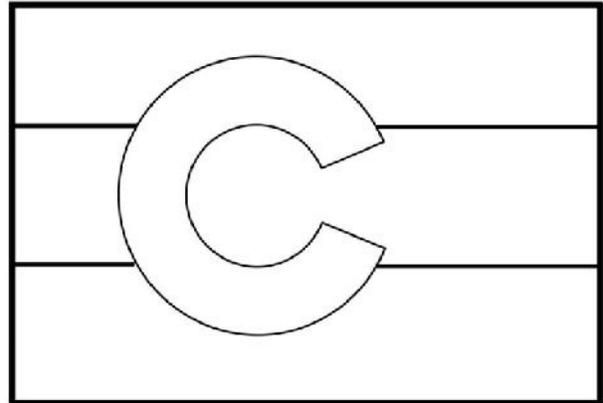
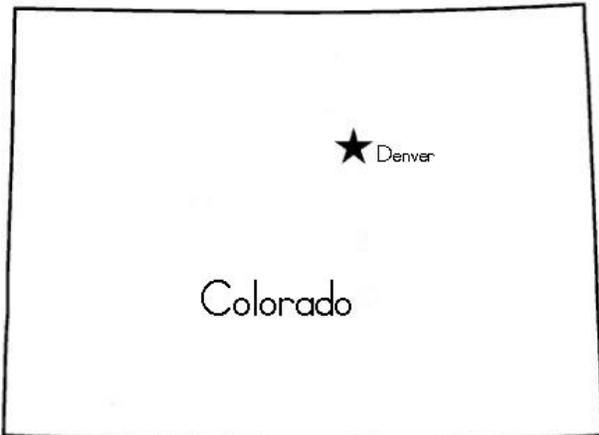
Colorado State Flower: Rocky Mountain Columbine



Colorado State Animal:
Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep



Colorado State Insect: Hairstreak Butterfly



Colorado 38th State



Colorado State Motto: Nil Sine Numine (Nothing Without Providence)

Origin of Name: The Spanish word colorado means "colored red." The name was given first to the Colorado River, which flows through canyons of red stone. The state was named for the river.