

 <h3>State Bird</h3> <p>In 1931, the Western Meadowlark was chosen the state bird. School children were asked which bird best represented Montana, the state's school children overwhelmingly choose the Western Meadowlark.</p>	<h3>State Flower</h3>  <p>In 1895, the Bitterroot was designated the state flower. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark wrote about the plant purplish-pink flower of the bitterroot found in the western Montana valley that now bears its name (Bitterroot Valley).</p>	<h3>State Tree</h3> <p>In 1949, the Ponderosa Pine was chosen the state tree. It is a source of lumber used in construction, cabinets, and doors. Pioneers used the pine's wood for building the towns of the west. It was used from railroad ties and telegraph poles to mine bracing and homes.</p> 
<h3>State Fish</h3> <p>In 1977, the Blackspotted Cutthroat Trout (Salmo Clarkii) was designated the state fish. It is native to Montana. It bears Captain William Clark's name (Salmo Clarkii).</p> 	<h3>State Animal</h3> <p>In 1982, the Grizzly Bear was designated the state game animal. Grizzly bears are the largest carnivores in America. They can be found in Glacier National Park and the mountains of northwest Montana.</p> 	<h3>State Butterfly</h3> <p>In 2001, the Mourning Cloak was designated the state butterfly. Also known as "brush-footed butterflies" because of their small, hairy, brush like front legs.</p> 
<h3>State Gemstone</h3> <p>Montana has two gemstones. In 1969, the Sapphire was adopted as the state gemstone. The earliest discovery of sapphires was at Yogo Creek in 1896. The U.S. Geological Survey termed the location "America's most important gem location." Montana sapphires can be found in the Royal Crown Jewels of England.</p>  <p>A to Z Kids Stuff http://www.aozkidsstuff.com</p>	<h3>State Gemstone</h3>  <p>In 1969, Montana Agate was also adopted as the state gem. It is found in southern and eastern Montana. Agate is used to make gemstones and jewelry. It is found along the Yellowstone River to the east. The sapphire and the agate east and west Montana are represented.</p>	 

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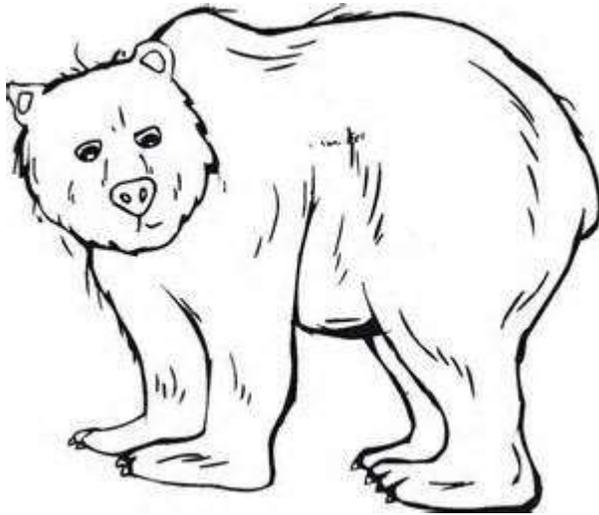
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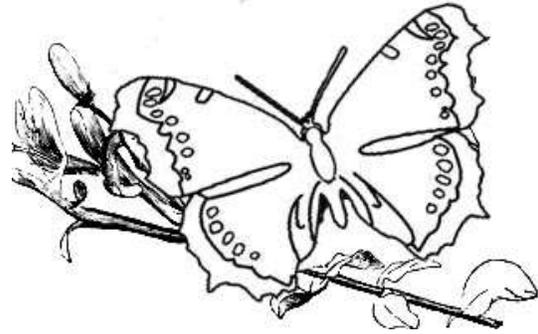
Montana State Tree: Ponderosa Pine



Montana State Flower: Bitterroot



Montana State Animal: Grizzly Bear



Montana State Butterfly: Mourning Cloak



Montana 41st State

Montana State Motto: "Oro y Plata" Spanish for "gold and silver."

Origin of Name: Based on a Spanish word for mountainous.

