

West Virginia History

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State Quarter

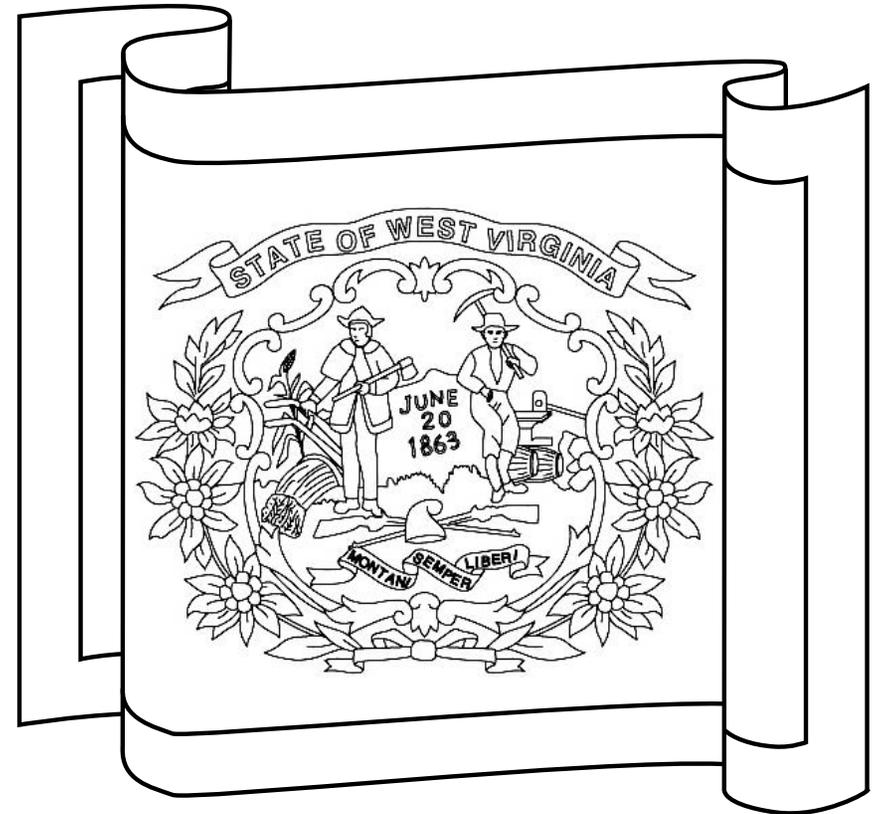


West Virginia's quarter was the last of five state quarters released in 2005.

It was the 35th quarter released in the 50 State Quarters Program (West Virginia is the nation's 35th state)

The design on the quarter combines the beauty of the New River Gorge's river and mountains with a wonder of engineering, the 3,030 foot long bridge.

State Flag



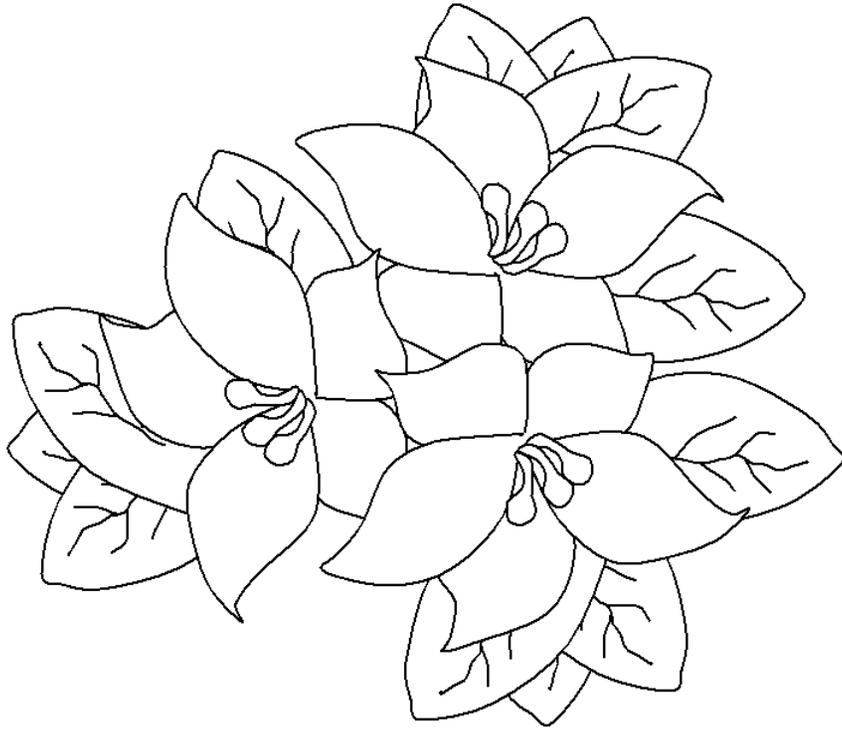
At the center of the flag is the state seal surrounded by a garland of rhododendron.

The date on the rock (June 20, 1863) is the date West Virginia separated from Virginia to become its own state.

The ribbon below the rock has Latin for "Mountaineers are always free."

Officially adopted by the Legislature on March 7, 1929.

State Flower



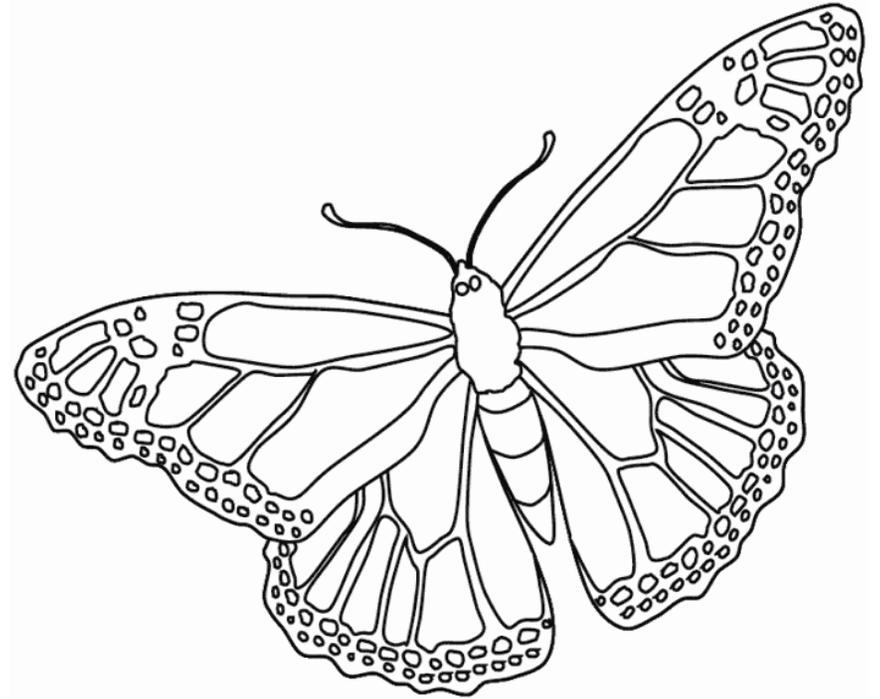
Rhododendron

The Rhododendron (*Rhododendron maximum*) is a small evergreen shrub that blooms in summer.

Also known as the White Laurel

Adopted as the state flower on January 29, 1903

State Insect



Monarch Butterfly

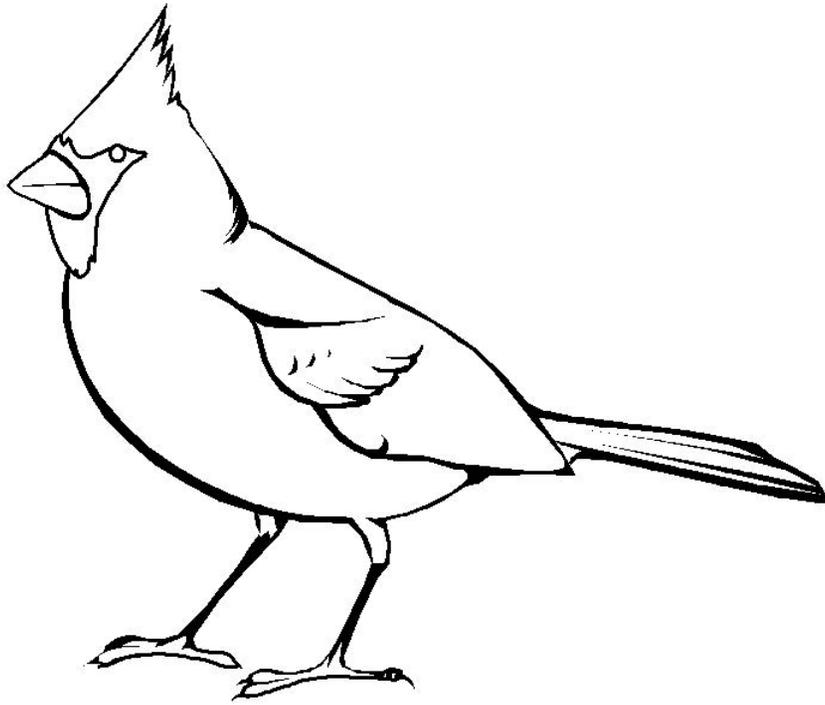
This large American butterfly has light brown wings with black veins and white-spotted black borders.

It is known for its long distance migrations.

The Monarch is also called the milkweed butterfly because its brightly colored caterpillars feed on the milkweed plant.

Adopted as the state insect March 1, 1995

State Bird



Cardinal

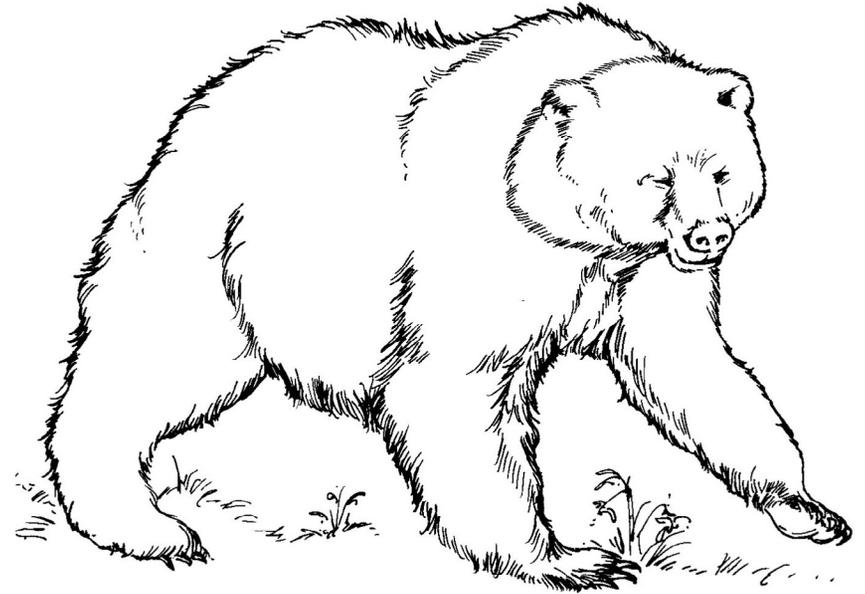
Male northern cardinals are various shades of red and have a black mask from eyes to the throat.

Females are brown, with touches of red.

In most northern songbirds, only the male sings. The cardinal's song, however, is given by both the males and the females.

Named West Virginia's official bird on March 7, 1949.

State Animal



Black Bear

Although called the black bear, its coloring is actually deeply tinged with brown.

Selected as the state animal by a poll of students, teachers and sportsmen conducted by the Division of Natural Resources in 1954-1955.

It was officially adopted as the state animal in 1973.

