

The **FLAGS** OF OUR NATION

STATE YOUR SYMBOLS * ACTIVITY ONE

Name _____ Date _____

Which state's official beverage is cranberry juice? Massachusetts! It grows the largest cranberry crop in the world. Which state's official reptile is the Eastern Box Turtle? North Carolina! Eastern Box Turtles are found all along the East Coast. Which is one of the states that grows the most popcorn? Illinois—that's why popcorn is their official state snack food!

Each state has its own set of symbols used to represent it. Most states have a state flag, bird, flower, tree, and nickname. Some states also choose symbols for state fruits, vegetables, insects, rocks, and other categories.



Use your textbook, an almanac, map, or the Internet to identify the flags below. Write the postal abbreviation for the state below its flag. To help you out, we've given each state's nickname.

Constitution State



1. _____

Magnolia State



2. _____

Ocean State



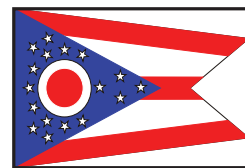
3. _____

Volunteer State



4. _____

Buckeye State



5. _____

Write the name of the state next to its state bird and flower.

State Bird

State Flower

6. _____

bluebird

rose

7. _____

Western meadowlark

goldenrod

8. _____

seagull

Sego lily

9. _____

cardinal

native violet

10. _____

mockingbird

bluebonnet

Coming Soon! In June, the United States Postal Service is releasing the first set in a series of stamps with state flags! Collect them all! Go to www.usps.com to learn more.