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General Beauregard Lee, official groundhog for Georgia and the South. He lives at Dausset Trails in Jackson, Georgia.



State of Georgia Coloring Book

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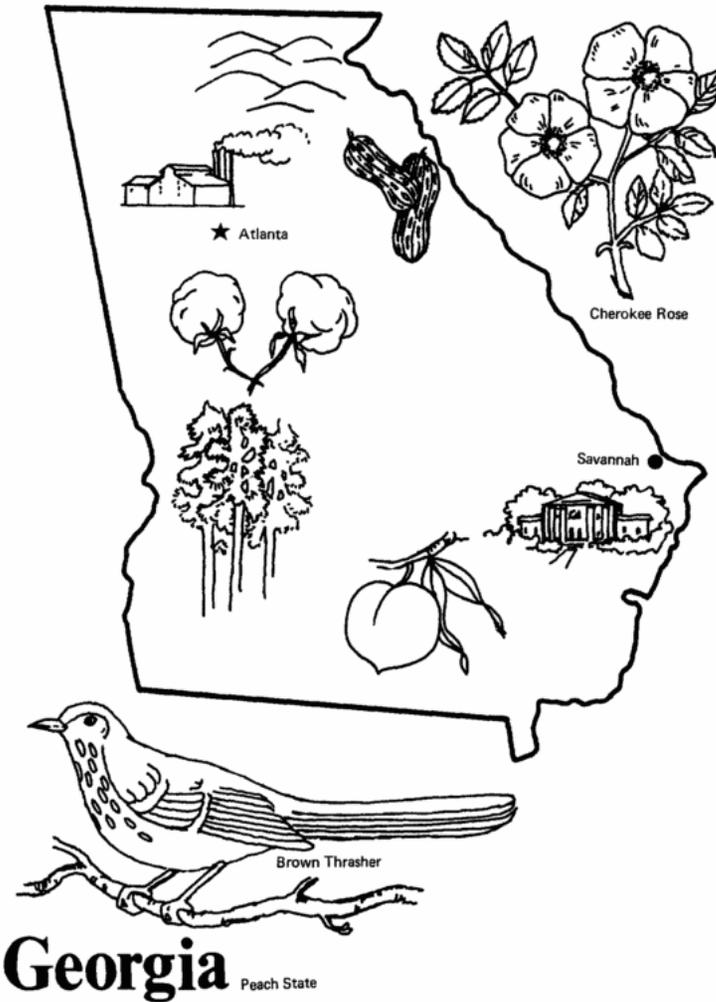
State of Georgia

► Coloring Book of
State Symbols

February 12—Georgia Day

► **State of Georgia**

Draw a picture of YOU with your favorite State Symbol!



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History of Georgia Day

Georgia Day is the date the state recognizes its founding as a colony of England. On February 12, 1733 the ship the *Anne* landed at the site of Savannah with James Oglethorpe and the first colonists. Savannah became Georgia's first city and later the first state capitol. Georgia Day is not a public holiday, but is observed in schools and by some civic groups for its historic importance to the state.



James Oglethorpe

Images of state symbols included:

Front Cover: State Seal

State Flag

State Amphibian: Green Tree Frog

State Bird: Brown Thrasher

State Butterfly: Tiger Swallowtail

State Crop: Peanut

State Fish: Largemouth Bass

State Flower: Cherokee Rose

State Fruit: Peach

State Insect: Honey Bee

State Mammal: Right Whale

State Shell: Knobbed Whelk Shell

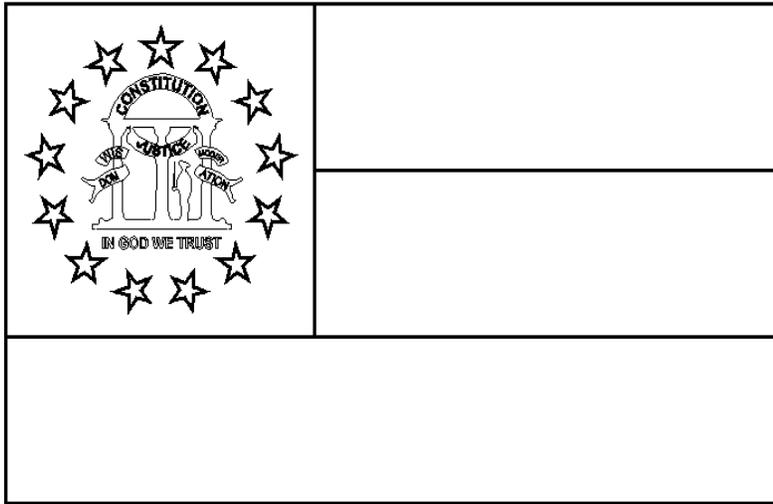
State Tree: Live Oak

State Vegetable: Vidalia Onion

Back Cover: General Beauregard Lee (groundhog)



State Flag



Georgia

- The background consists of three stripes - red at top and bottom and white in the middle. The square in the upper corner is blue. Thirteen white stars represent Georgia's position as one of the thirteen original colonies.
- On the seal three pillars supporting an arch represent the three branches of government. The banners on the seal have the words Constitution, Justice, Wisdom and Moderation.
- Adopted as the state flag on May 8, 2003.

State Vegetable

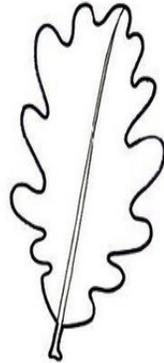
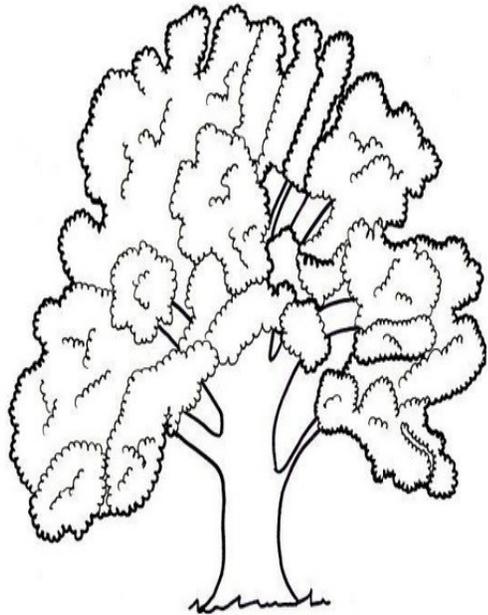


Vidalia Sweet Onion

- This onion can be eaten like an apple due to its sweet flavor.
- Only grown in a small area of Georgia.
- Made state's official vegetable in 1990.

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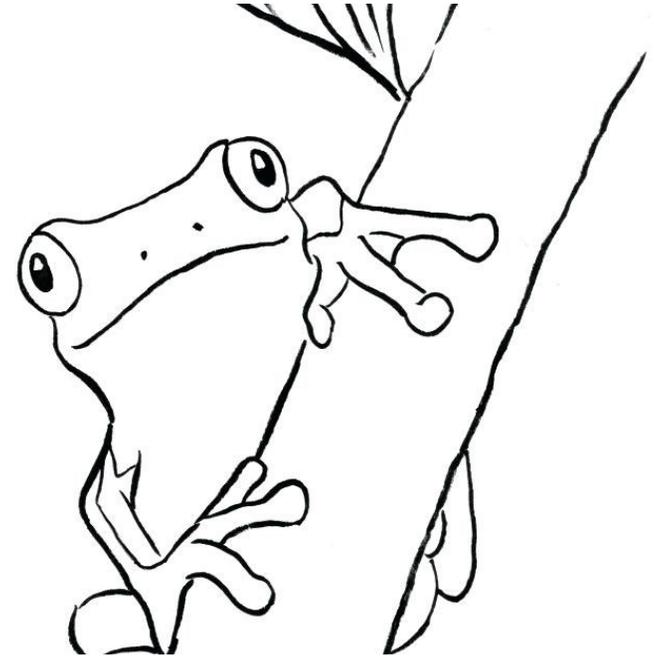
State Tree



Live Oak

- Lives along the coast and islands where the first settlers of Georgia lived.
- Founder James Oglethorpe enjoyed the beauty of these trees.
- Was adopted in 1937 as the official tree at the request of the Edmond Burke Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

State Amphibian



Green Tree Frog

- Only about 2 inches long, this frog is lime green with a white strip down each side.
- Eats bugs and usually climbs in trees, but can be found climbing on windows and sliding glass doors.
- Georgia is the state with the second largest number of amphibians- over 85 different kinds live here.
- On March 9, 2005 current Governor Sonny Perdue signed a law making this frog the official state amphibian.



State Bird

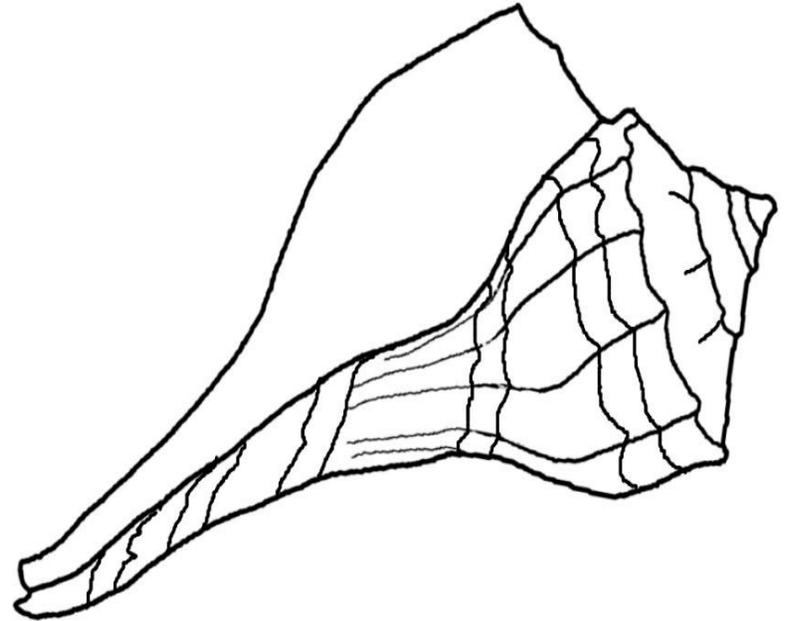


Brown Thrasher

- Thrashes dead leaves to flush out insects to eat.
- 3-5 blue-white eggs with fine red speckles.
- the Brown Thrasher was adopted as Georgia's state bird on March 20, 1970.



State Seashell

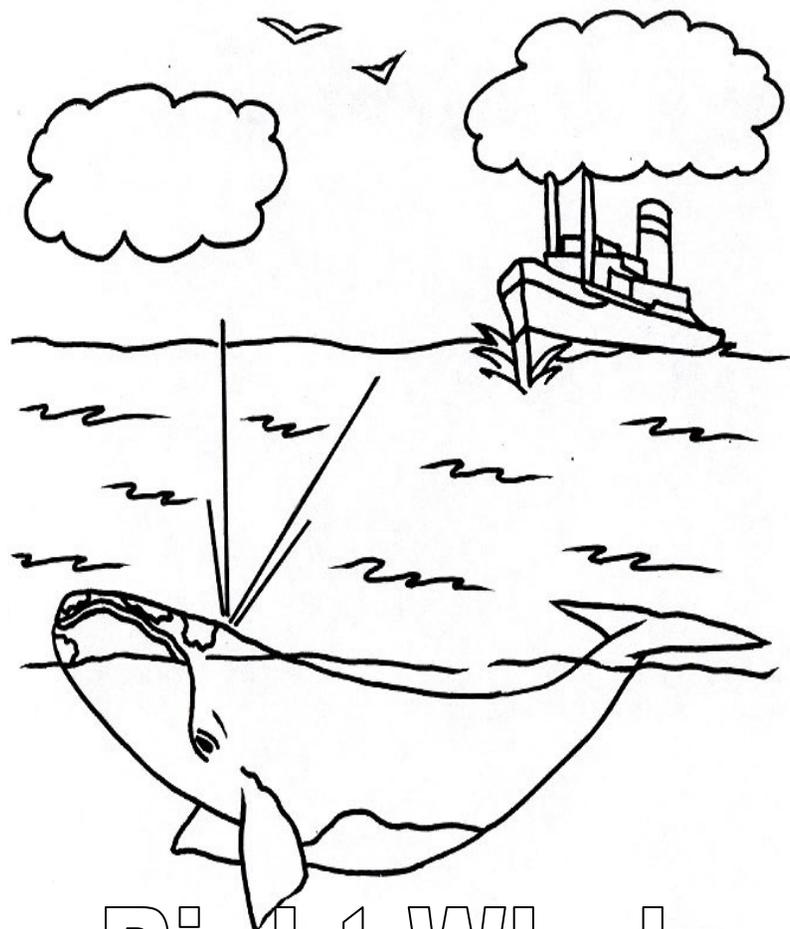


Knobbed Whelk

- A whorled shell, eight inches long, with heavy spikes, many knobs, and an orange or red mouth.
- Often found on Georgia's beaches.
- Named state seashell in 1987.



State Marine Mammal



Right Whale

Right Whales weigh about 50 tons and are about 50 feet long. They swim so slowly that it is easy for them to get hit by a ship or caught in a fisherman's net.

State Butterfly

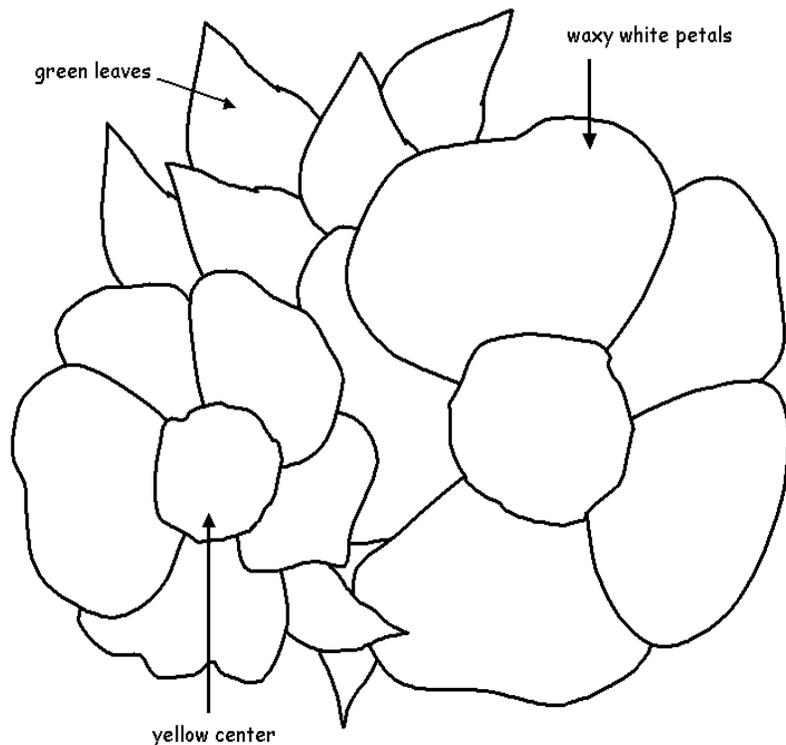


Tiger Swallowtail

- Has large yellow wings, edged and striped with black.
- Found all over Georgia and at the Butterfly Center inside Callaway Gardens.
- Tiger Swallowtail was adopted as Georgia's state butterfly in 1988.

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State Flower



Cherokee Rose

- The name "Cherokee Rose" is the name given to the rose by the people in the area. The name was inspired by the native Cherokee peoples who widely distributed the plant.
- Waxy white flowers bloom each spring on very thorny bushes.
- The Cherokee Rose was made the state flower of Georgia in 1916.

State Insect



Honey Bee

- Each bee works to help the whole hive. Each bee has a special job. Bees "talk" to each other by dancing. They make honey to feed the hive. People enjoy eating the extra honey.
- Helps to pollinate over 50 of Georgia's crops.
- Named as official state insect in 1975.



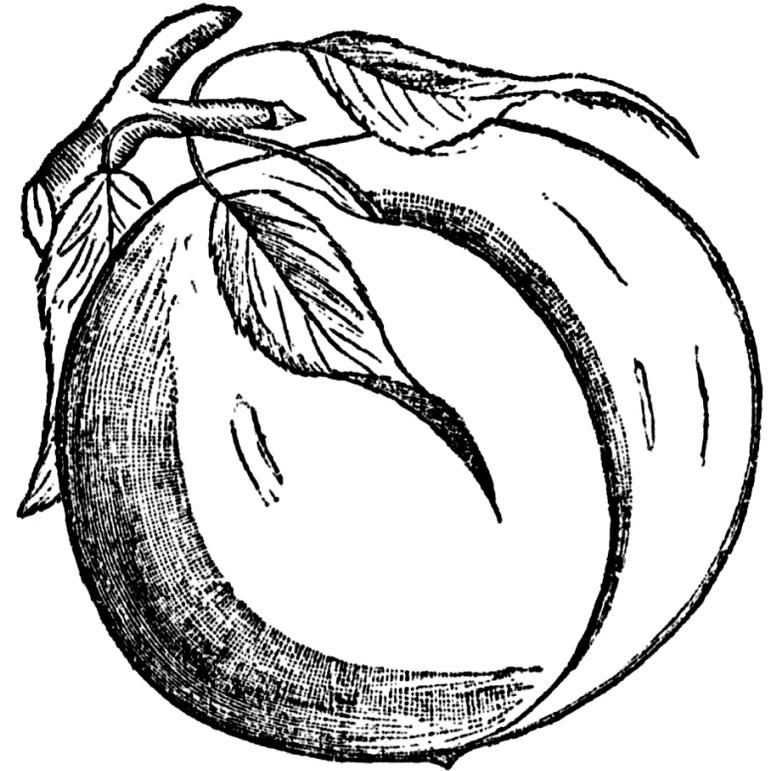
State Game Bird



Bobwhite Quail

- Quail hunting is popular in Georgia and around the world.
- Georgia is recognized as the “Quail Capitol” of the world.
- Chosen as state game bird in 1970.

State Fruit

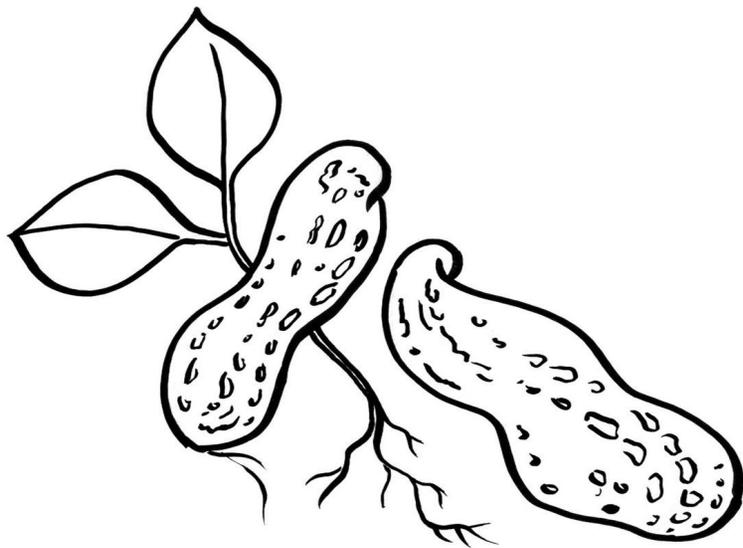


Peach

- Known as the “Peach State” because of the growers’ reputation for producing the highest quality fruit.
- Became official state fruit in 1995.

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State Crop



Peanut
(*Arachis hypogaea*)

Peanut

- Georgia produces nearly 50% of the total US peanut crop.
- Georgia produces more than 50% of the peanuts used for peanut butter production.
- Georgia leads the nation in peanut exports.
- Selected to be official state crop in 1995.

State Fish



Largemouth Bass

- Largemouth bass fishing is very popular and Georgia has many lakes and rivers for fishing.
- They can weigh 20 pounds.
- Designated official state fish in 1970.