



Idaho's State Symbols

Idaho's state **bird** is the **Mountain Bluebird**, which can be found throughout the West. The bird is about seven inches long and nests in hollow trees. It was adopted in 1931.



Idaho's state folk **dance** is the **square dance**. The 1989 state legislature designated the square dance as the state's official folk dance.



Idaho's state **fish** is the **Cutthroat Trout**, a native of Idaho. The name comes from the red to orange slash on the fish's jaw. The Cutthroat was adopted in 1990. *Illustration by Joseph Tomelleri*

Idaho's state **flag**, features a blue background with the state seal in the center. The words State of Idaho are embroidered in gold letters over a red band. The flag is bordered by a gilt fringe and was adopted in 1907.



Idaho's state **flower** is the **Syringa**, a branching shrub that clusters with white flowers resembling orange blossoms. Syringa grows on hills and along streams. The flower was adopted by the legislature in 1931.

Idaho's state **fossil** is the **Hagerman Horse**, which was 3.5 million year old fossil discovered in the 1920's near Hagerman, Idaho. The area is now a national monument and one of the best Pleistocene-epoch fossil sites in the world.



The state **fruit** is the **Huckleberry**, a plump purple berries which is found in abundance in the higher elevations of Idaho. A favorite food for bears, the Huckleberry was adopted by the legislature in 2000.

Idaho's state **gemstone** is the **Star Garnet**. Found only in Idaho and India, this purple garnet reveals a floating star across its surface. The gem was adopted in 1967.

Idaho's state **horse** is an **Appaloosa**, an intelligent, fast, and hard-working horse that for centuries was bred by the Nez Perce tribe of Idaho. A sixth grade class from Eagle, Idaho asked the legislature to adopt the Appaloosa as the state horse in 1975, and they did!



Idaho's state **insect** is the **Monarch Butterfly**. The black, orange and white butterfly migrates from the northern United States to Mexico and was adopted by the legislature in 1992.

Idaho's state **raptor** is the **Peregrine Falcon**. The magnificent peregrine falcon was designated the official state raptor of Idaho in 2004. The peregrine falcon is also featured on the state quarter.



The **Great Seal** of the State of Idaho was designed in 1891 by Emma Edwards Green. The Latin motto on the seal, "Esto Perpetua" translates to "May it endure forever."

Idaho's state **song** is "**Here We Have Idaho**" adopted by the legislature in 1931. A lyric from the song reads: *And here we have Idaho, winning her way to fame. Silver and gold in the sunlight blaze, and romance lies in her name.*

Idaho's state **tree** is the **West White Pine**. Abundant in the northern part of the state, the tree grows to more than 200 feet and can live for hundreds of years. It was adopted by the legislature in 1935.



Idaho's state **vegetable** is the **potato**, adopted in 2002. Rich volcanic soil and a warm and sunny climate make Idaho the best place to make the world's best potatoes.

