

Other Official Adoptions

State Colors, Red and Blue: The General Assembly of 1945 declared Red and Blue the shades appearing in the North Carolina State Flag and the American Flag as the official State colors.

Oak Ridge Military Academy -- State Military Academy (1991)

Folkmoor USA -- State International Festival (2003)

Clogging -- State Folk Dance (2005)

Shagging -- State Popular Dance (2005)

State Collard Festival:
Ayden Collard Festival is the official North Carolina State Collard Festival. (Session Laws 2007, c. 28)

State Official Food Festival of the North Carolina Piedmont Triad:
Lexington Barbecue Festival is the official Food Festival of the North Carolina Piedmont Triad. (Session Laws 2007, c. 533)

Official Community Theater: The General Assembly of 2007 designated the Thalian Association of Wilmington as the Official Community Theater of the State of North Carolina. (Session Laws, 2007, c. 68)



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State Blue Berry
Blueberry

The General Assembly of 2001 designated the Blueberry as the State's Blue Berry. (Session Laws, 2001, c. 488)



State Red Berry
Strawberry

The General Assembly of 2001 designated the Strawberry as the State's Official Red Berry. (Session Laws, 2001, c. 488)



State Fruit
Scuppernon Grape

The General Assembly of 2001 designated the Scuppernon Grape as the Official State Fruit. (Session Laws, 2001, c. 488)



State Freshwater Trout
Brook Trout

The Southern Appalachian strain of Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) was adopted as the Official State Freshwater Trout. (Session Laws, 2005, c. 387, s.2)



State Saltwater Fish
Channel Bass

The General Assembly of 1971 designated the Channel Bass (Red Drum) as the official State Salt Water Fish. (Session Laws, 1971, c. 274; G.S. 145-6)



State Vegetable
Sweet Potato

The Sweet Potato is adopted as the Official Vegetable of the State of North Carolina. (1995, c. 521, s. 3)



State Wildflower
Lily

The Carolina Lily (*Lilium michauxii*) is adopted as the Official Wildflower of the State of North Carolina. (2003-426, s.)



State Tartan
Carolina Tartan

The General Assembly of 1991 designated the Carolina Tartan as the Official Tartan of North Carolina. (Session Laws, 1991, c. 85)

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State Flag

The first date, May 20, 1775 found on the State Flag refers to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. The second date, April 12, 1776 commemorated the Halifax Resolves. (Session Laws, 1991, c.1)



State Shell
Scotch Bonnett

The General Assembly of 1965 designated the Scotch Bonnet (pronounced bonay) as the State Shell. (Session Laws, 1965, c. 681)



State Insect
Honey Bee

The General Assembly of 1973 designated the Honey Bee as the Official State Insect. (Session Laws, 1973, c. 55)



State Boat
Shad Boat

The General Assembly of 1987 adopted the Shad Boat as the Official State Historical Boat. (Session Laws, 987, c. 366)



State Flower
Dogwood

The General Assembly of 1941 designated the Dogwood as the State Flower. (Public Laws, 1941, c. 289; G.S. 145-1)



State Bird
Cardinal

The Cardinal was selected by popular choice as the State Bird in the 1943 Session. (Session Laws, 1943, c. 595; G.S. 145-2)



State Reptile
Eastern Box Turtle

The General Assembly of 1979 designated the Eastern Box Turtle as the Official State Reptile. (Session Laws, 1979, c. 154)



State Dog
Plott Hound

The General Assembly of 1989 adopted the Plott Hound as the Official State Dog. (Session Laws, 1989, c. 773; G.S. 145-13)



State Tree
Pine

The Pine Tree was officially designated as the State Tree by the General Assembly, 1963. (Session 1963, c. 41)



State Precious Stone
Emerald

The General Assembly of 1973 designed the Emerald as the Official State Precious Stone. (Session Laws, 1973, c. 136)



State Beverage
Milk

The General Assembly of 1987 adopted Milk as the Official State Beverage. (Session Laws, 1987 c. 347)



State
Carnivorous Plant

The Venus Flytrap (*Dionaea muscipula*) is adopted as the Official Carnivorous Plant of the State of North Carolina. (2005-74, s. 1)



State Christmas Tree
Fraser Fir

The Fraser Fir (*Abies fraseri*) was adopted as the Official Christmas tree of the State of North Carolina. (2005-387 s.1)



State Mammal
Gray Squirrel

The General Assembly of 1969 designated the Gray Squirrel as the Official State Mammal. (Session Laws, 1969, c. 1207; H)

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State Rock
Granite

The General Assembly of 1979 designated Granite as the Official State Rock. (Session Laws, 1979, c. 906)