

STATE SYMBOLS COLORING BOOK

A free Distance Learning activity aligned with
Common Core standards for Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades

What are state symbols?

A symbol communicates a fact or idea. Symbols can also be used to stand for an object, state or country.

All countries have national symbols. The Statue of Liberty, the American flag and Uncle Sam are symbols of the United States.

Each state in the United States has its own symbols, such as a state bird, song, tree, animal and flower.

Let's explore California's state symbols.

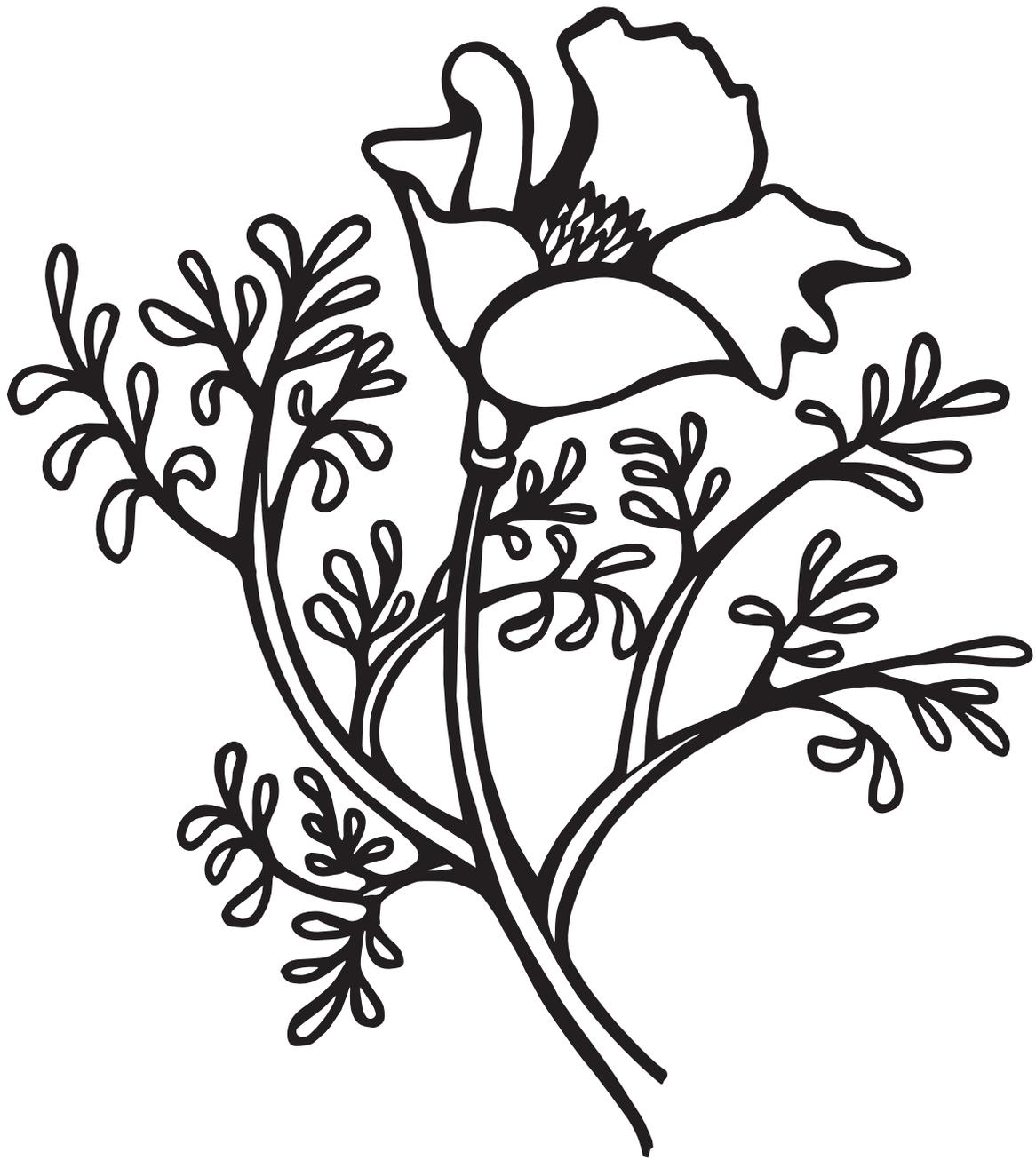
Golden Poppy, State Flower

California Indians cherished the golden poppy as a food source and for the oil extracted from the plant.

Also known as the flame flower, the poppy grows wild throughout California.

It became the state flower in 1903. Every year, April 6th is California Poppy Day.

How do the colors of the California poppy make you feel? How does that connect to California?



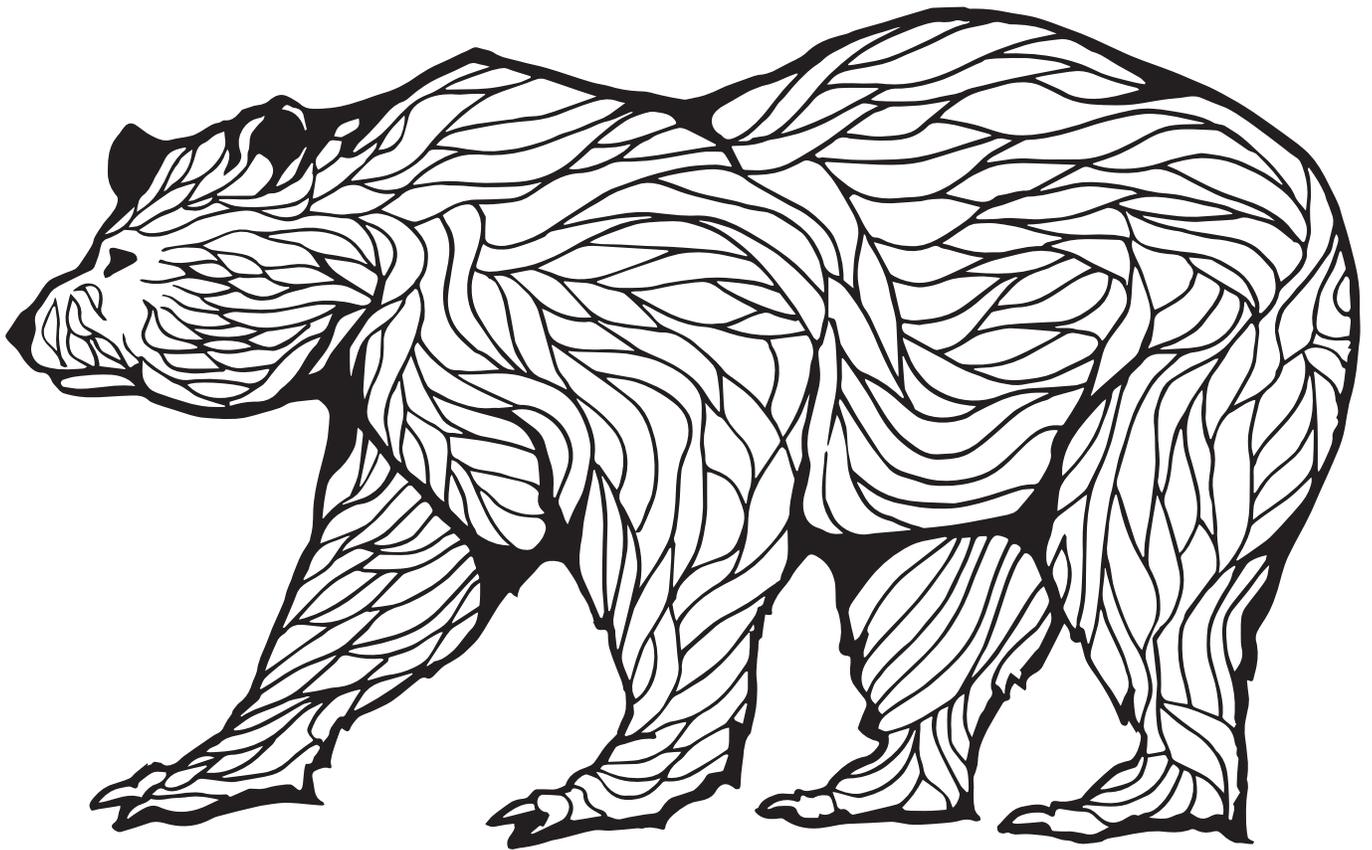
GOLDEN POPPY

Grizzly Bear, State Animal

The California grizzly bear became the official state animal in 1953, decades after the last one died in Tulare County in 1922.

This large and powerful omnivore (or an animal that eats both plants and animals) once thrived in the great valleys and low mountains of the state, probably in greater numbers than anywhere else in the continental U.S.

What are some qualities of a grizzly bear?
How are these qualities related to the state of California?



GRIZZLY BEAR

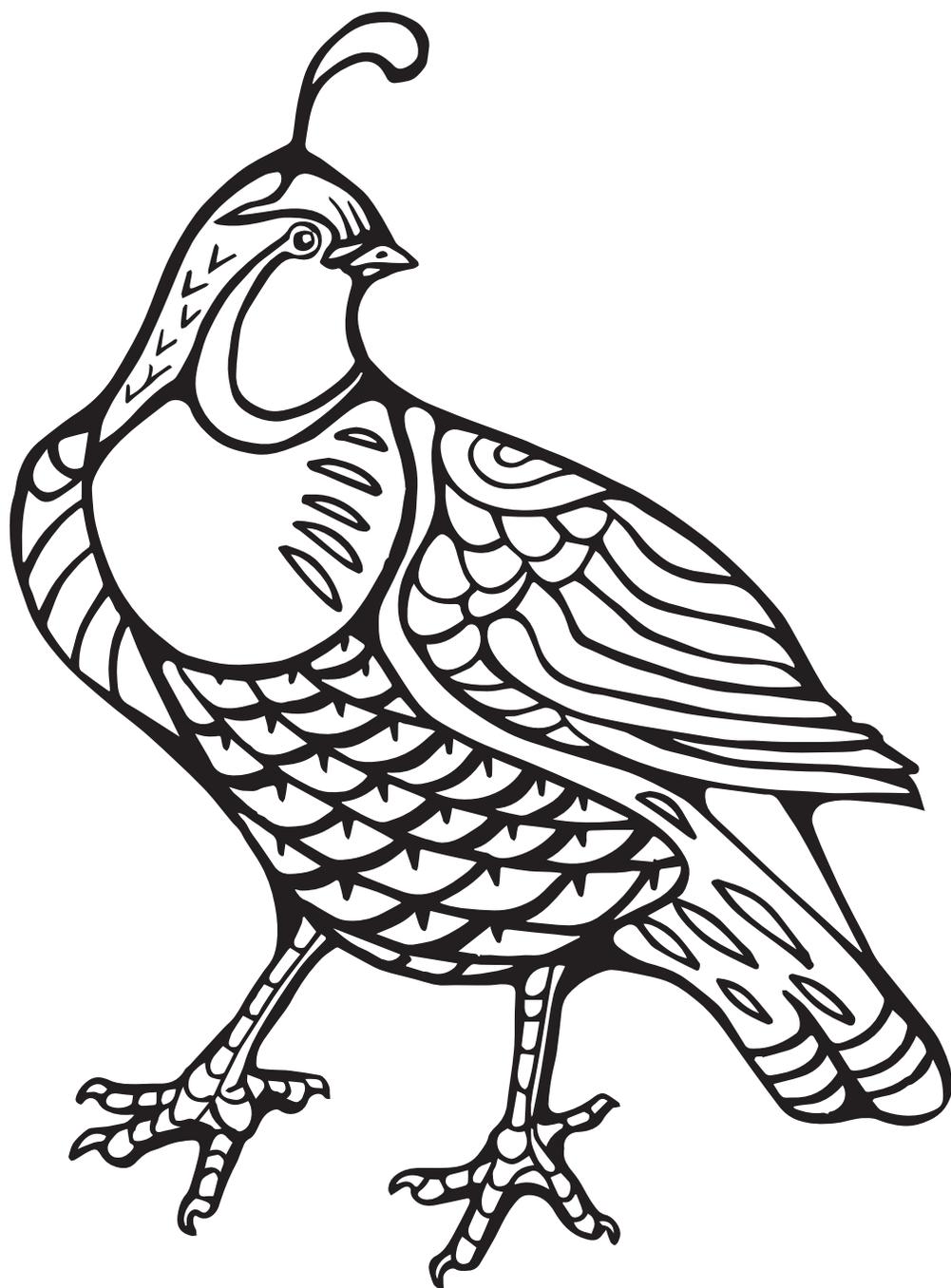
Quail, State Bird

The California quail, also known as the valley quail, became the official state bird in 1931.

Plump, gray-colored and smaller than a pigeon, the California quail has a curving black plume on top of its head and a black bib with a white stripe.

Quails are known for their hardiness and adaptability. They are also very social birds.

Why do you think the quail was chosen to be the California State Bird?



QUAIL

Golden Trout, State Fish

The golden trout is native only to California and became the official state fish in 1947.

Originally, the species was found only in a few icy streams in the Kern River, south of Mt. Whitney.

Hatchery-raised fish now stock many waters in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

What details can you point out about the golden trout?



GOLDEN TROUT

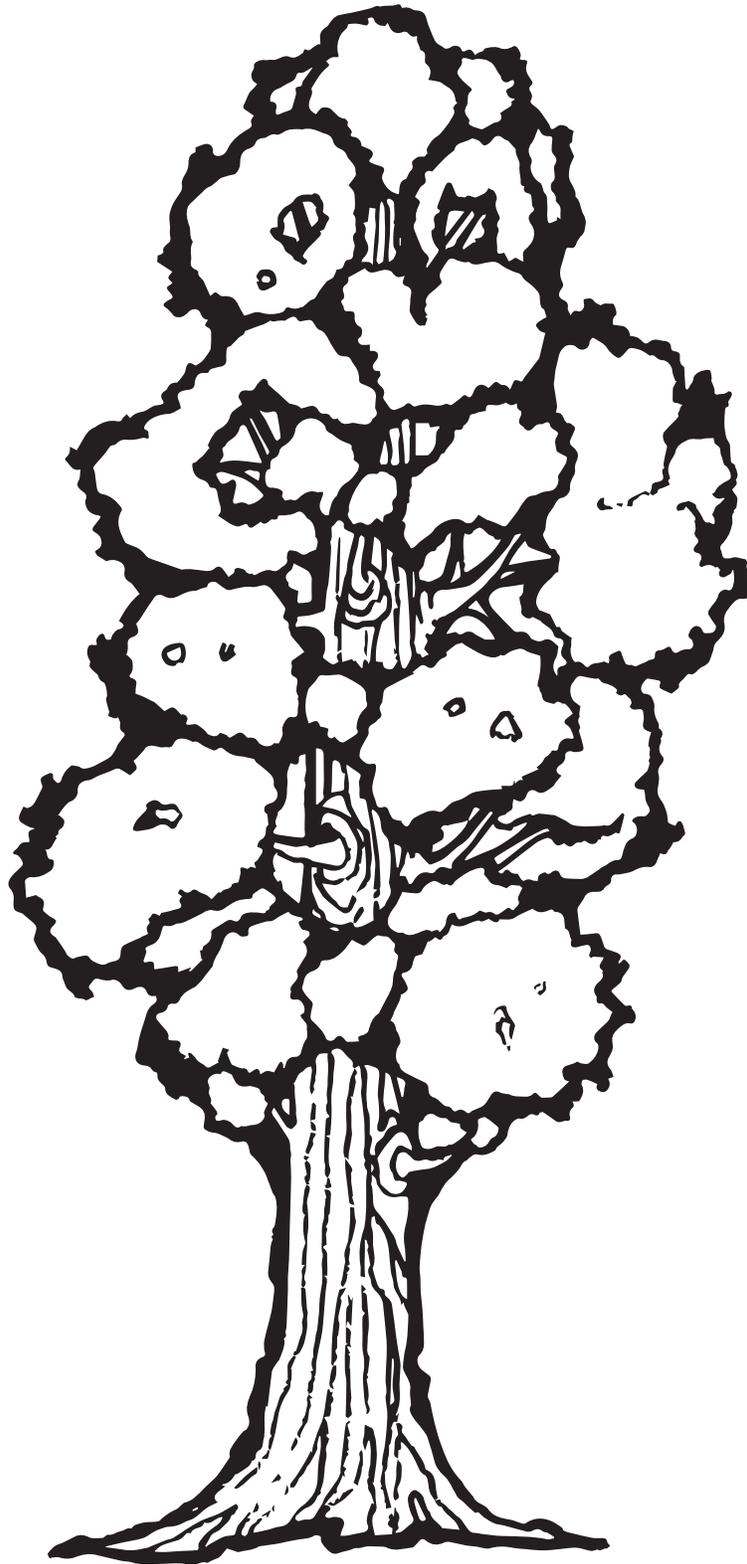
Redwood, State Tree

The California redwood became the official state tree of California in 1937.

Redwood trees are the largest living things on Earth. Once common throughout the northern hemisphere, redwoods are now found only near the Pacific Coast.

There are two species of California redwood: the coast redwood and the giant sequoia.

What words would you use to describe the redwood tree? How do those words relate to California?



REDWOOD

Parents and Home Educators:

Thank you for downloading the State Symbols Coloring Book! We hope your students enjoyed learning about the state's symbols.

This activity is appropriate for students in Kindergarten through 2nd grades and aligns with the following Common Core standards:

Key Ideas & Details

- 1.4 Identify words and phrases in stories or poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

- K.7 With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the text.
- 1.7 Use illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas.
- 2.7 Explain how specific images contribute to and clarify a text.

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