

Symbols
of
Michigan
Pride

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It's hard to miss our state tree, the towering **WHITE PINE** [*Pinus strobus*], a symbol of Michigan's rich logging history. From the 1860s to the late 1890s, we led the nation in lumber production!

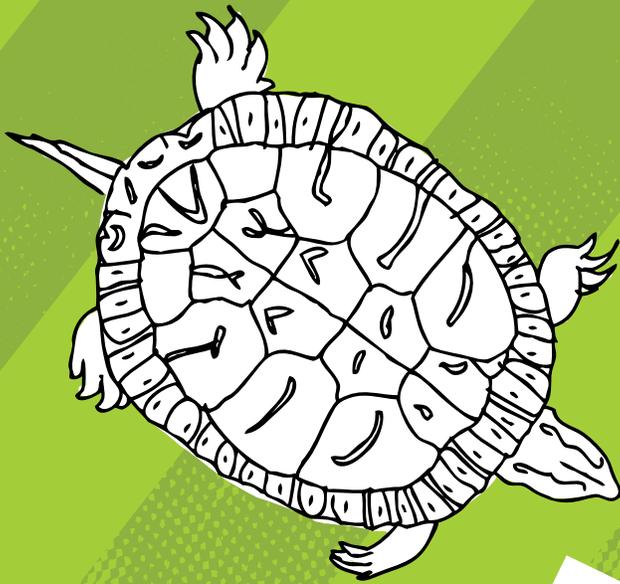


One place you can find the endangered **DWARF LAKE IRIS** [*Iris lacustris*]*—*our state wildflower*—*is along the northern shorelines of Lakes Michigan and Huron.



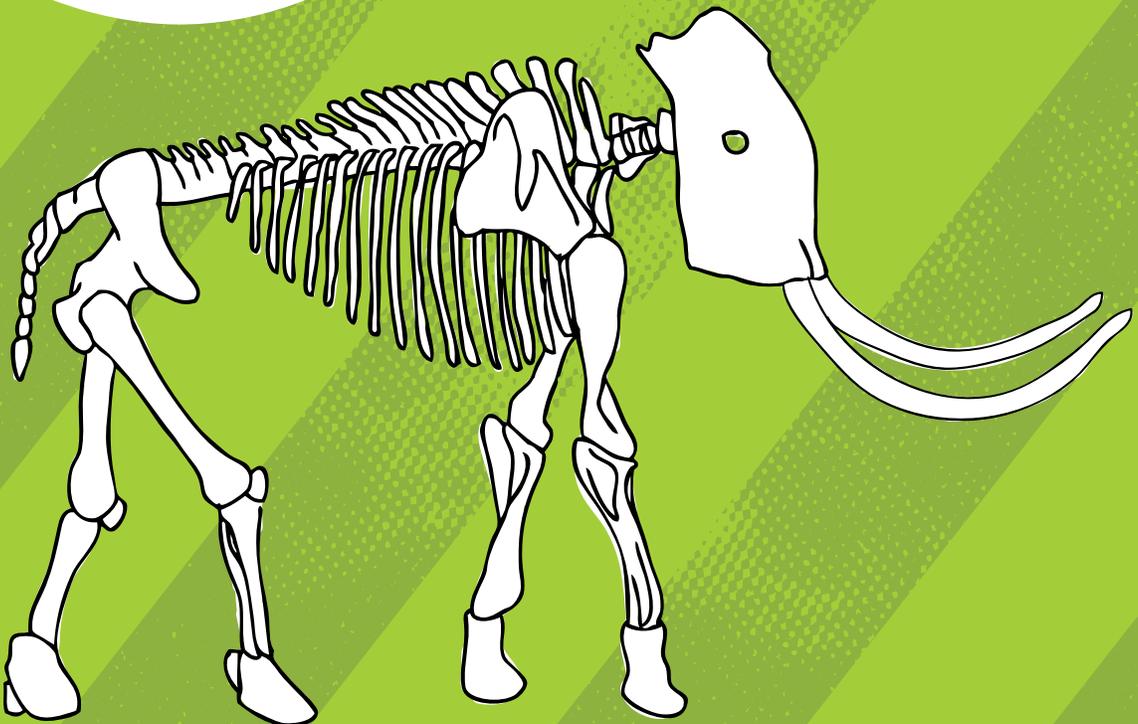
The **AMERICAN ROBIN** [*Turdus migratorius*] has been the state bird since 1931, and has been called the "best-known and best-loved" of all birds in Michigan.



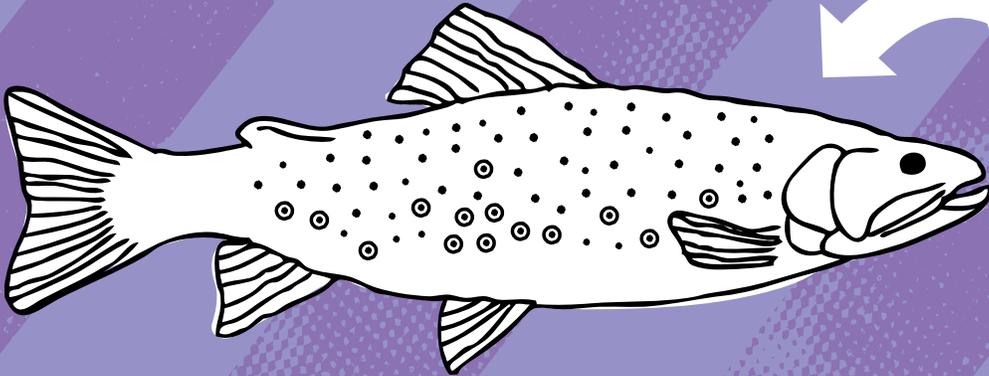


Look for the **PAINTED TURTLE** [*Chrysemys picta*]**—**our state reptile**—**in quiet, shallow waters. Its colorful markings allow it to blend into its environment.

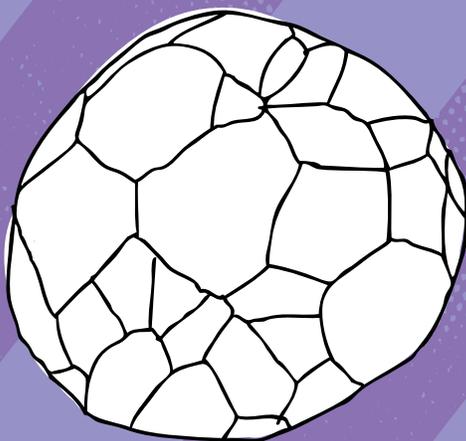
It may have roamed Michigan 10,000 years ago, but the **MASTODON** didn't become the state fossil until 2002. An extinct relative of the elephant, it weighed 4-6 tons and had tusks up to 9 feet long.



Our state fish, the **BROOK TROUT** (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) is native to Michigan and is found throughout the state.



Coral might seem an unlikely choice to be our state stone. But the **PETOSKEY STONE** (*Hexagonaria percarinata*) is actually the fossilized remains of coral that existed in the northern Lower Peninsula around 350 million years ago.



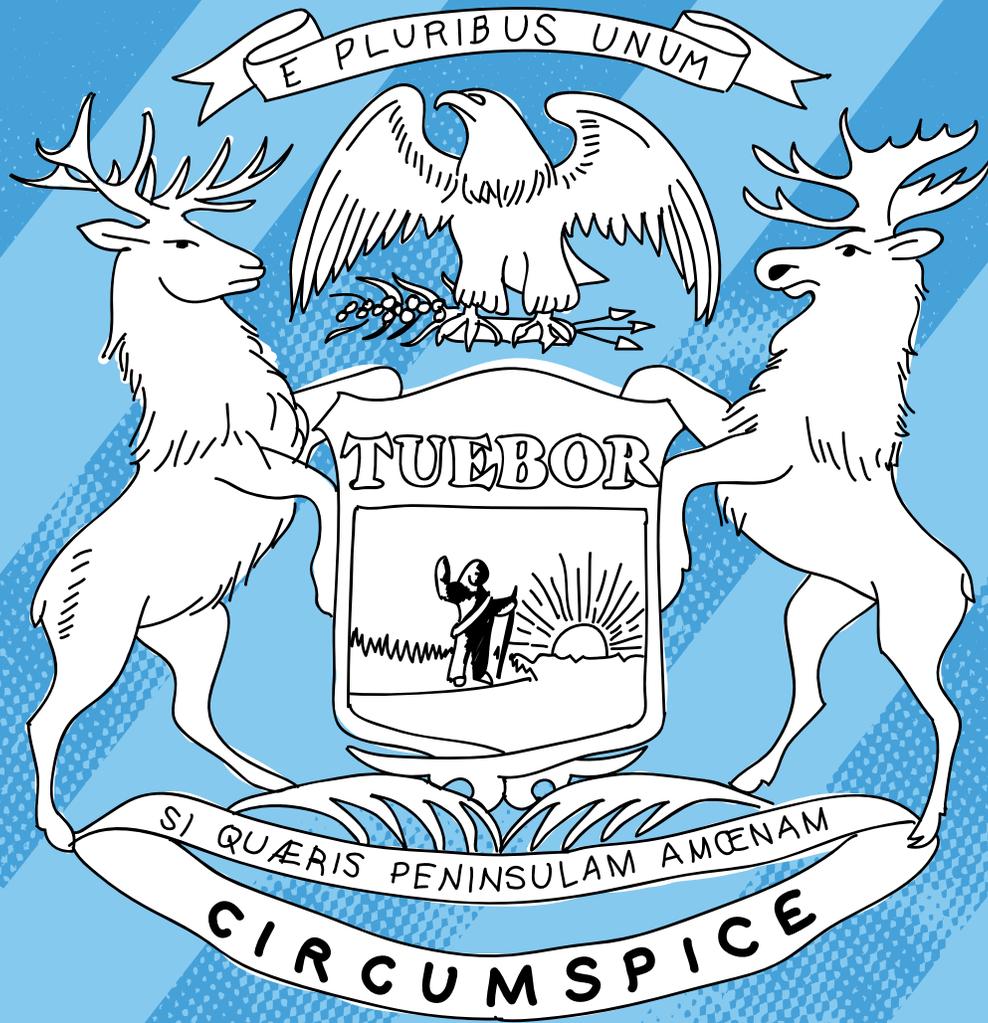
Known as the Isle Royale Greenstone, our state gem, **CHLORASTROLITE**, is found mainly in the Upper Peninsula. The name literally means, "green star stone," but its color ranges from a yellow-green to near black.

To find our state flower you actually need to look in a tree. The **APPLE BLOSSOM** (*Pyrus coronaria*) has been an official state symbol since 1897 and was noted as "one of the most fragrant and beautiful species of apple."



Every fall Michigan hunters get a good look at our state game mammal, the **WHITE-TAILED DEER** (*Odocoileus virginianus*). Hunting helps manage the deer population and generates business.





Our **COAT OF ARMS** contains other Michigan symbols.

It features an elk and a moose supporting the state shield.

Above them is the bald eagle, our national symbol, holding an olive branch and arrows, symbols of peace and war.

The coat of arms features three mottos:

- The United States motto, E Pluribus Unum (From Many, One)
- Tuebor (I Will Defend)
- Si Quaeris Peninsulam Amoenam Circumspice (If You Seek A Pleasant Peninsula, Look About You), the official state motto.

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