Centennial Center Park Youth Activity Booklet

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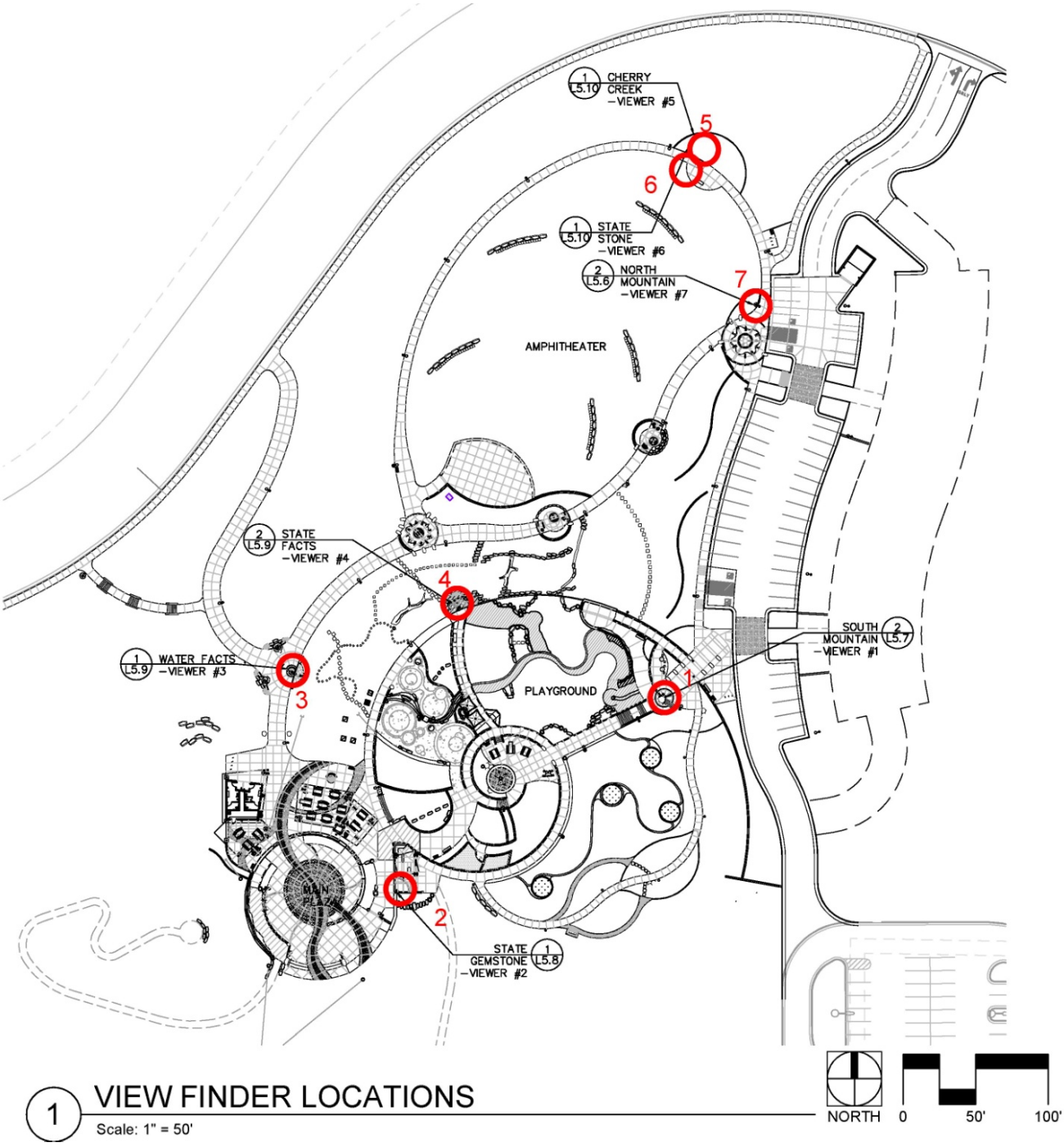
Centennial Center Park in Centennial, Colorado…
Your Park

Dear Students:

Welcome to Centennial Center Park conveniently located in the center of your city next to the Centennial Civic Center. A visit to this park provides much more than the average park experience. Centennial Center Park offers an interactive, informational journey through the view finder path, the state trivia tour, as well as other fun educational exhibits. This booklet is designed for you to learn a little more about Centennial, Colorado where you live, play, and attend school. Please feel welcome to visit Centennial Center Park to enjoy the playground amenities and explore the educational exhibits.

View Finder Location Map



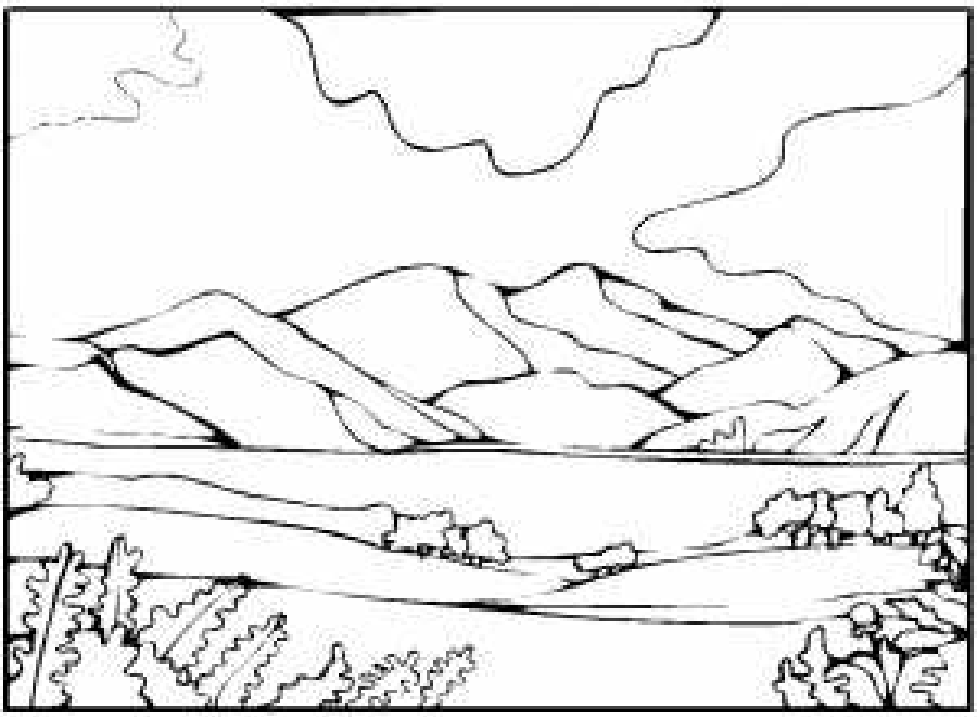
The view finder location provides a view of various interesting State sights and some unique historical data about the state of Colorado.

Come walk and learn on the Centennial Center Park view finder path.

- Can you name the 39th highest peak in the state of Colorado?
  (Corresponds with viewfinder #1)

- Do you know which gemstone was officially recognized in 1971 as the Colorado state gemstone?
  (Corresponds with viewfinder #2)

- Which large reservoir with an estimated 880 surface acres of water resides to the north of Centennial Center Park?
  (Corresponds with viewfinder #5)



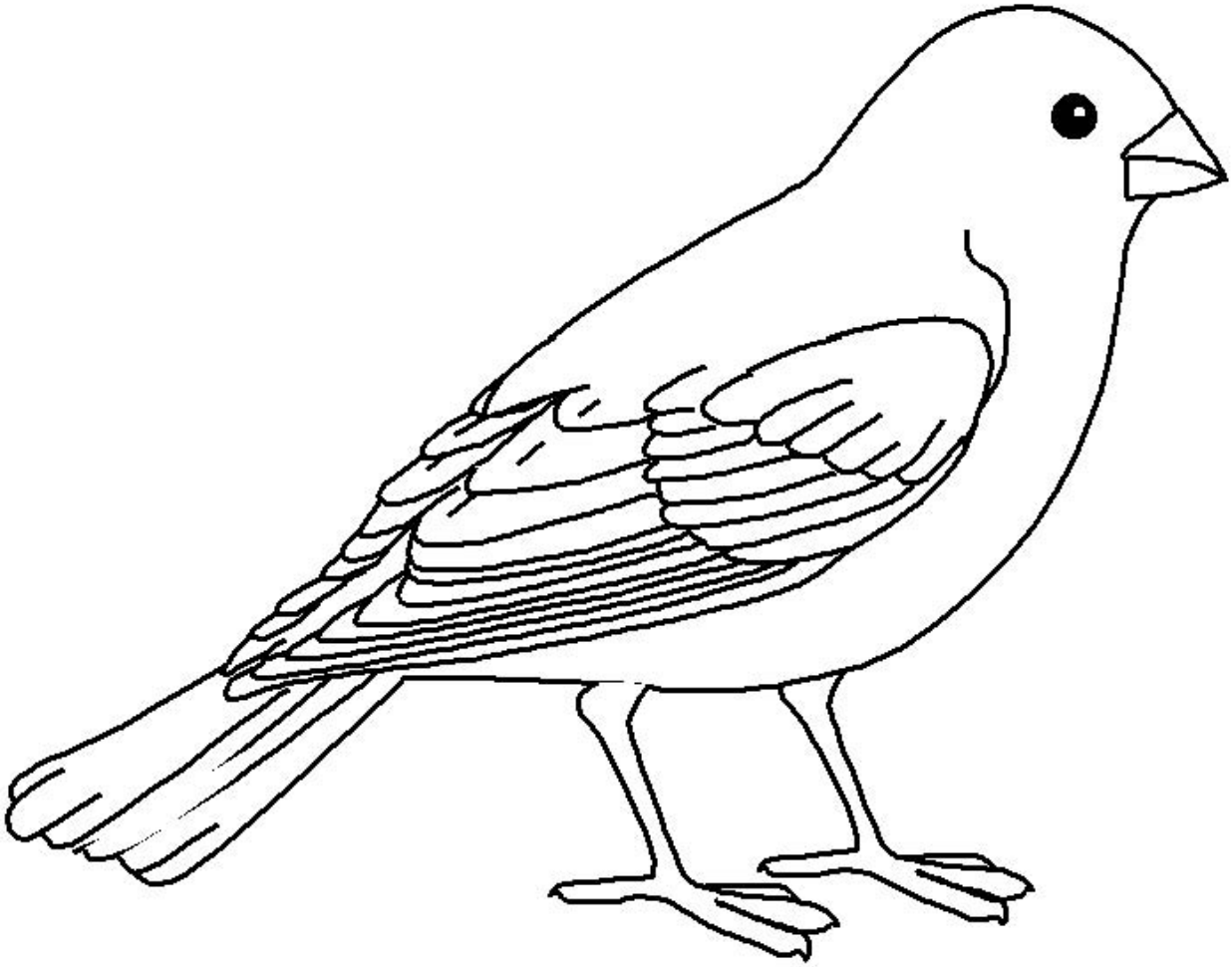
Trivia Location Map

Trivia Questions

Do you know which flower was made the official flower of the State of Colorado on April 4, 1899?

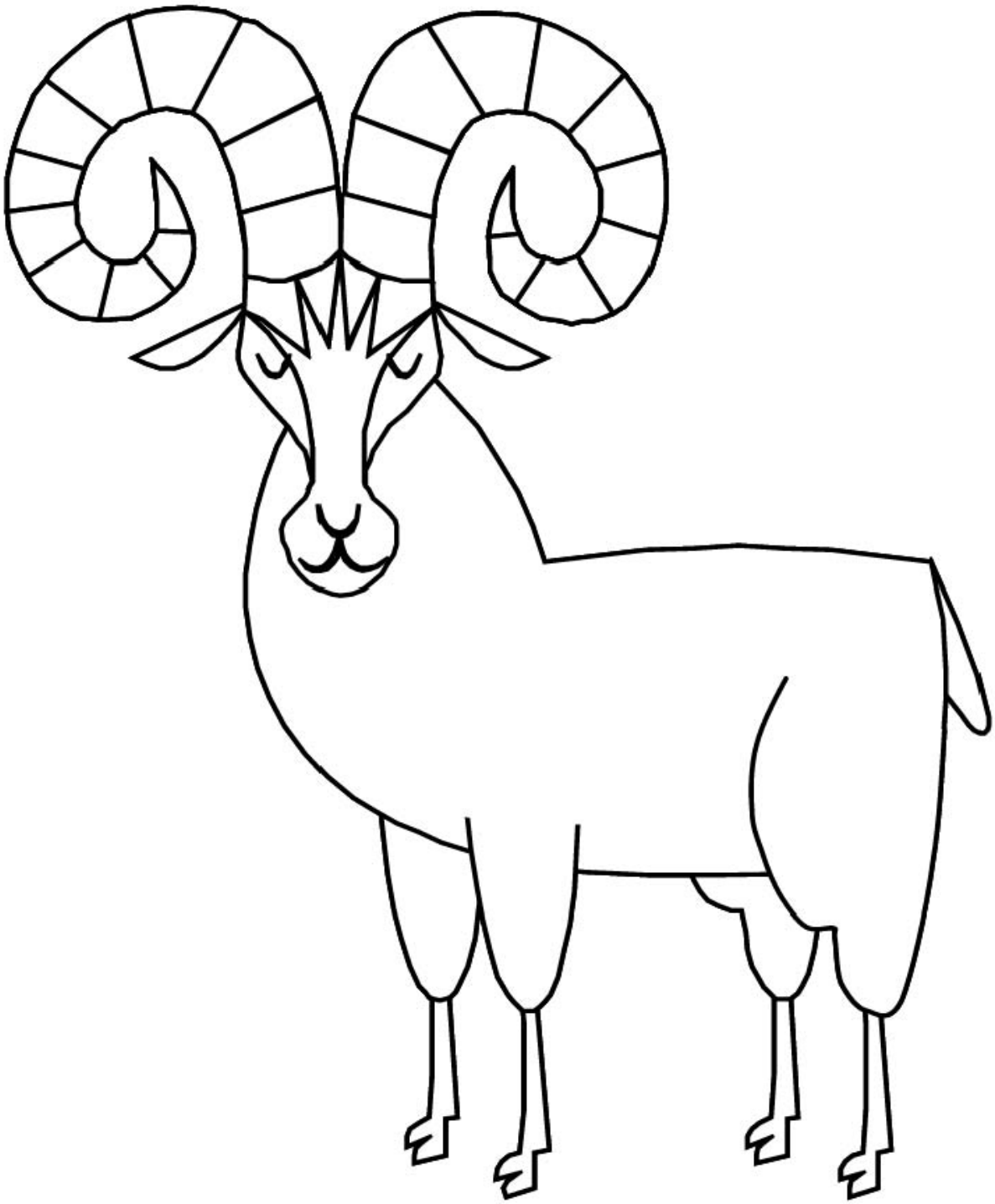
The bird which was named as the state bird of Colorado migrate into the state each April and fly south in the fall. The female birds are a grey-brown color throughout the year. Interestingly, the male birds are black with white wing markings during the summer and look more like the females in the winter.

Can you guess the name of the state bird?



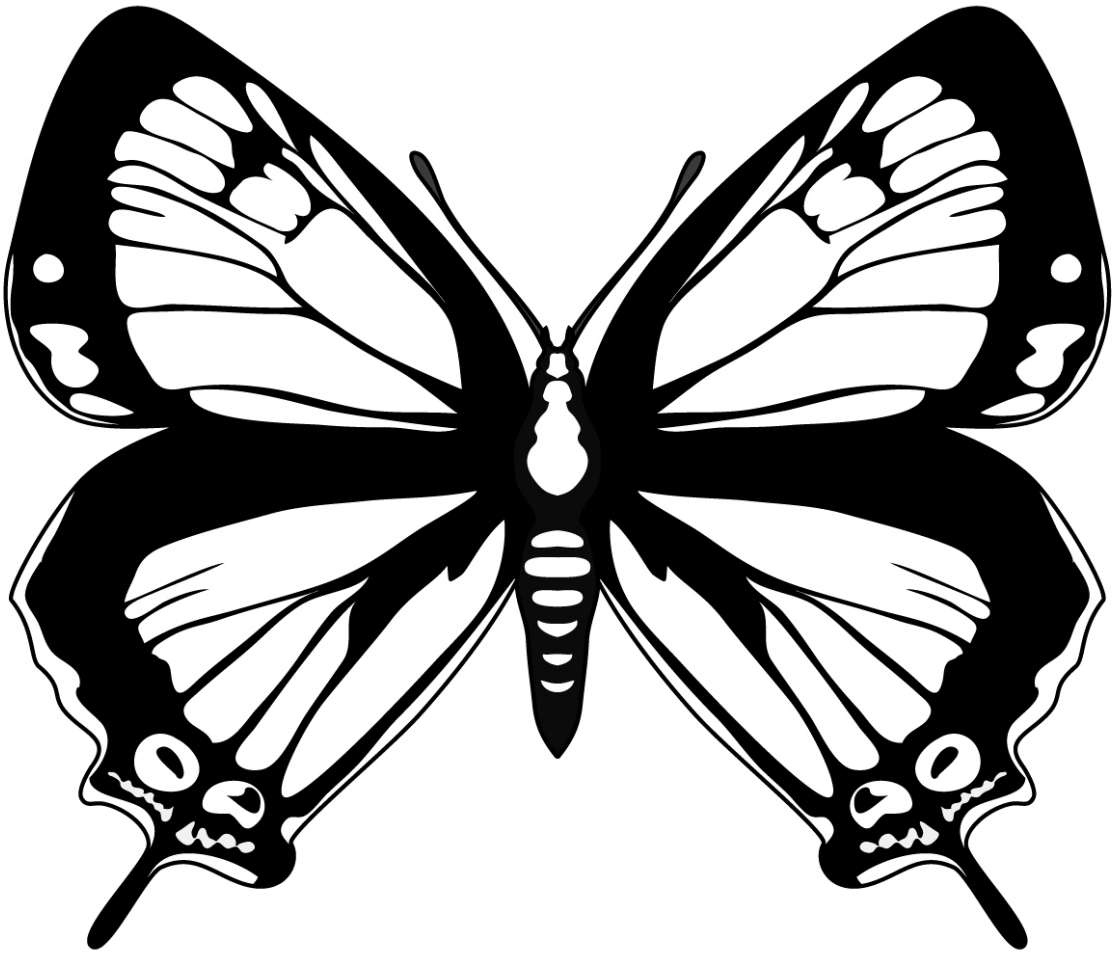
The State of Colorado officially adopted a state animal on May 1, 1961. This animal is found only in the Rocky Mountains, usually above timberline in rugged mountainous areas.

Can you name the state animal?



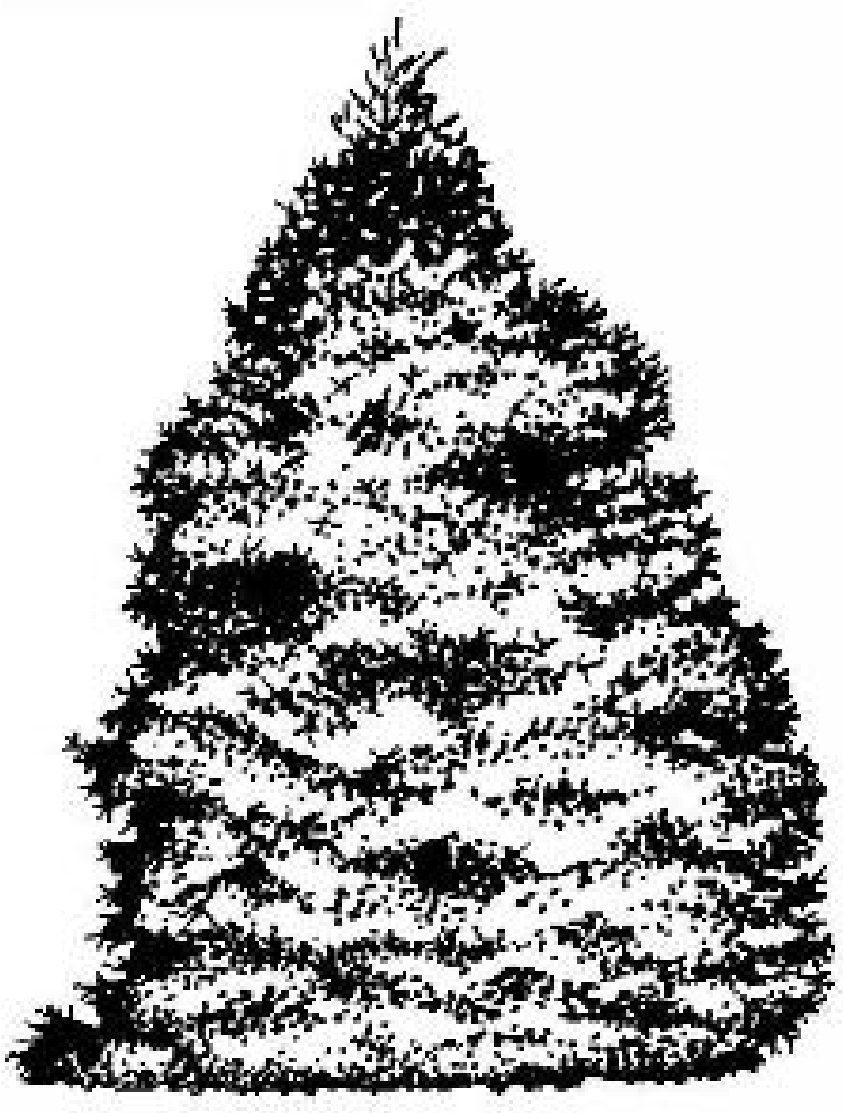
On April 17, 1996 the State of Colorado adopted a state insect that can typically be found on both sides of the Continental Divide at elevations of 6,500 to 7,500 feet in its usual habitat of scrub oak.

Do you know the name of the state insect?



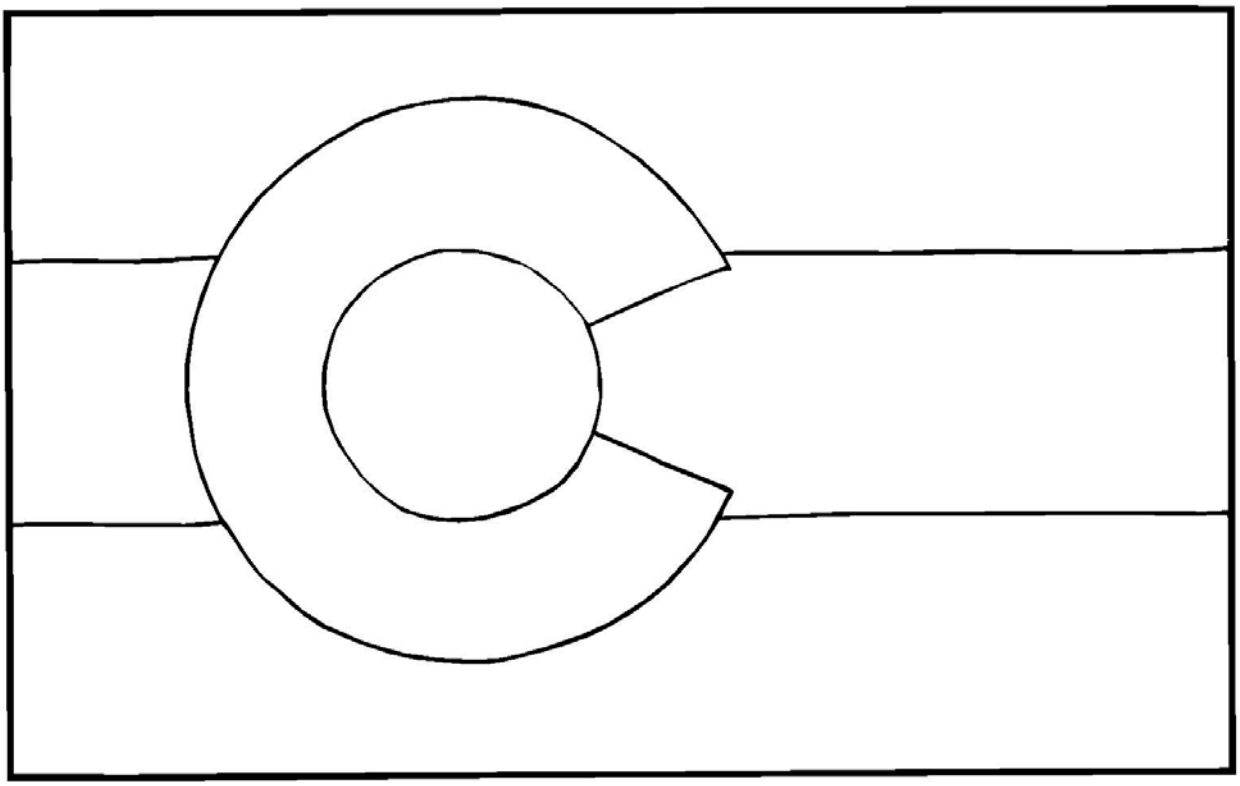
The state tree is known for its stately, majestic, symmetrical form and its beautiful silver-blue color. Interestingly, Colorado school children voted on Arbor Day in 1892 to select this as the state tree; however, it was not until 1939 that this tree was officially designated as the state tree.

Do you know the name of the state tree?



Additional hint: Its color ranges from green to blue to silver and it is sometimes called the silver spruce.

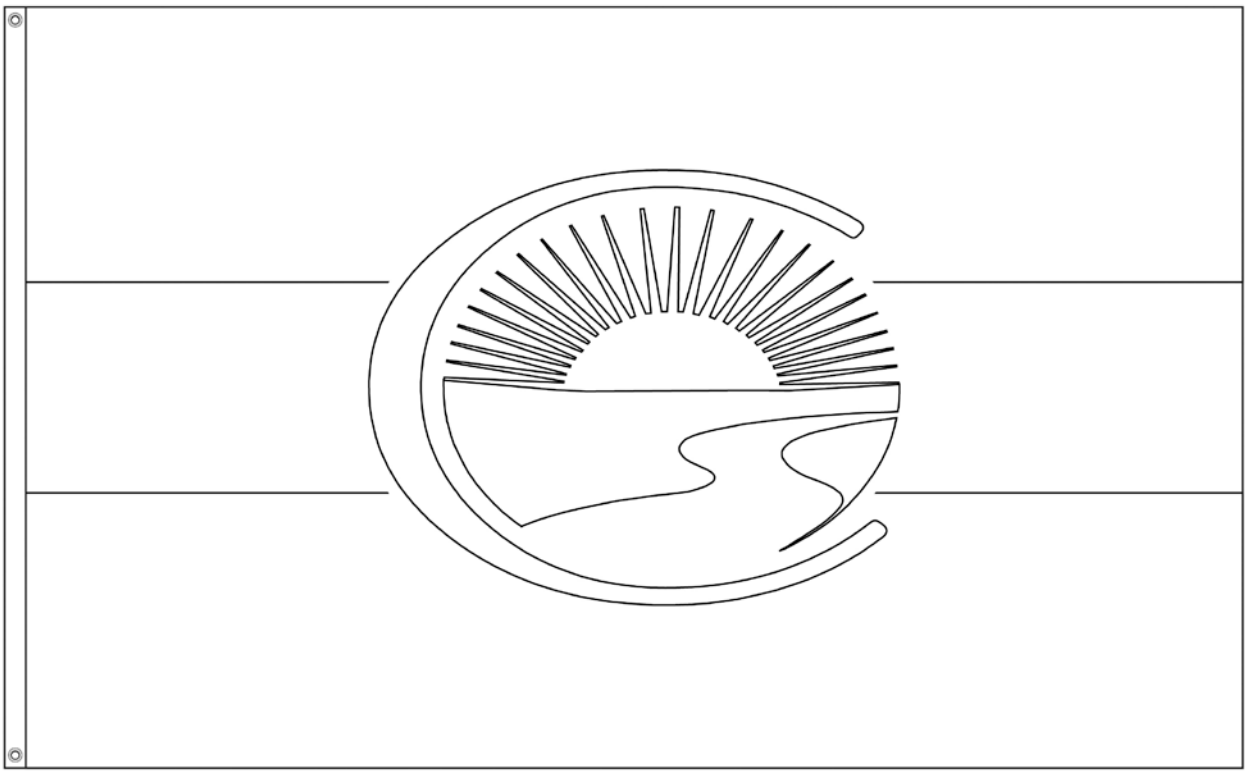
State Flag – Coloring Page Image



The “Centennial State”

Colorado has been nicknamed the **“Centennial State”** because it became a state in the year 1876, 100 years after the signing of our nation's Declaration of Independence.

City of Centennial Flag – Coloring Page Image



On September 12, 2000--voters within Arapahoe County, in what is now Centennial, approved the establishment of their own City. Then on February 7, 2001, the City of Centennial was legally established as a Colorado City.

Location and Trivia Answer Key

Viewfinders

1. Mt. Bierstadt
2. Gemstone (Aquamarine)
3. Water Facts
4. State Facts
5. Cherry Creek Reservoir (Gold)
6. State Stone (Yule Marble)
7. Longs Peak

State Trivia

1. State seal - Seal
2. State flower - White and Lavender Columbine
3. State bird - Lark Bunting
4. State animal - Big Horn Sheep
5. State insect - Colorado Hairstreak Butterfly
6. State day - August 1st
7. State fossil - Stegosaurus
8. State mineral - Rhodochorsite
9. State gemstone - Aquamarine
10. State tree & grass
    a. Blue grama
    b. Colorado Blue Spruce
11. State flag
12. State rock - Yule Marble
13. State folk dance - Square Dance
14. State fish - Greenback Cutthroat Trout
15. State songs
    a. Rocky Mountain High
    b. Where the Columbines From

Additional Areas of Attraction in the park:

Nodes

1. Classic - 1500 AD-Present
2. Formative - 1 AD -1500 AD
3. Archaic - 6000 BC -1 AD
4. Lithic - 12000 BC-6000 BC

Tree Ring Wall

Plaza

Entry Gateway

Trout Wall

Big Horn Wall

Play History Wall

Statehood Wall