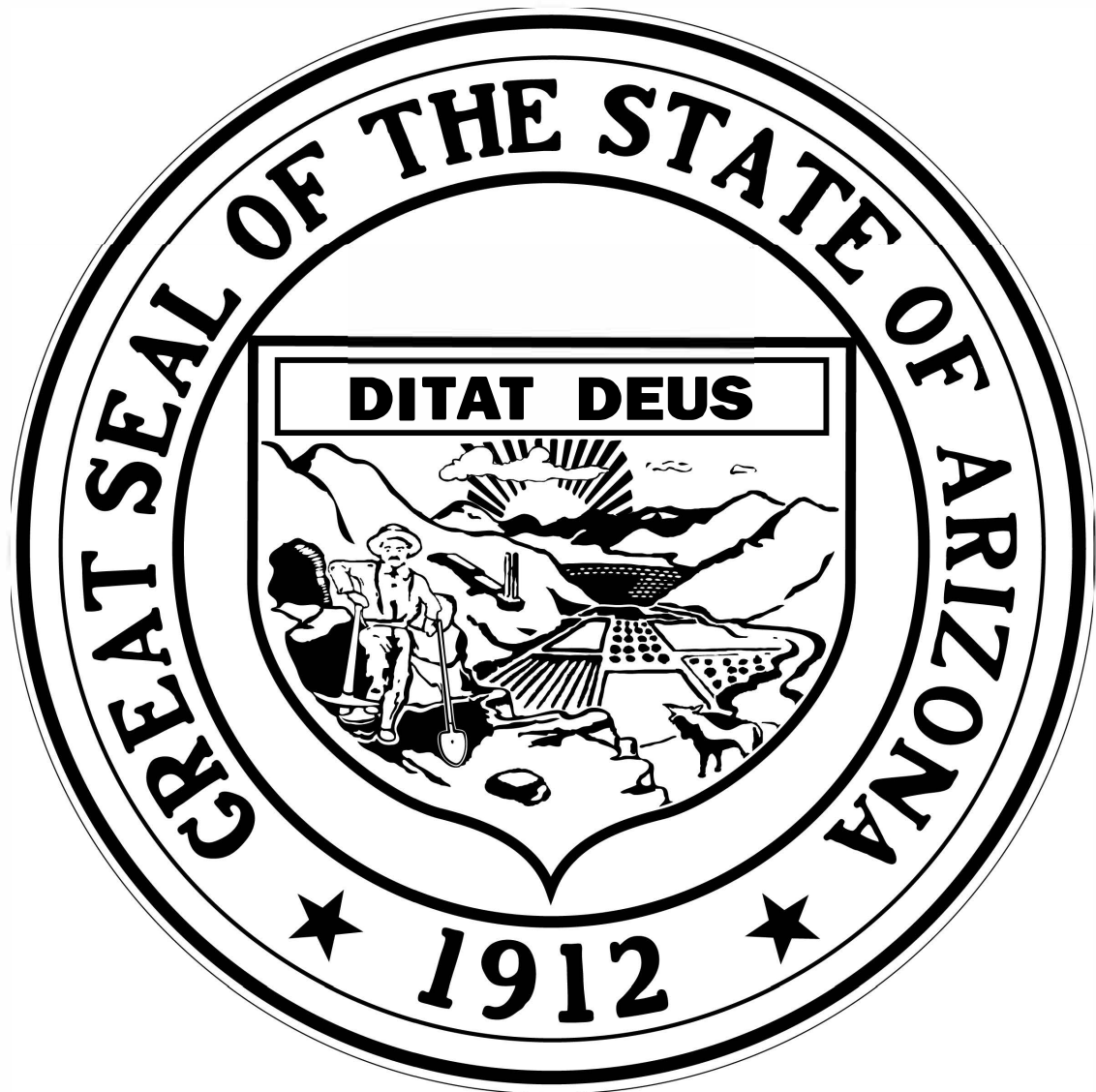


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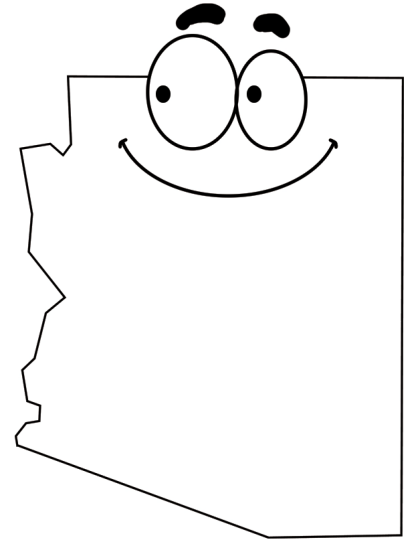


KATIE  
**HOBBS**

*Secretary of State  
State of Arizona*

# HOWDY KIDS!

My name is Arizona and my birthday is February 14. Did you know I wasn't always a state? At one time I was a territory. Being a territory is a lot like being a kid. As a territory I could ask the United States government for things, but I didn't always get them. I finally became the 48th state in 1912, and I've grown a lot since then.



## THE ARIZONA STATE QUARTER



### Do you have a quarter in your pocket?

You might have the Arizona state quarter. Arizona's quarter was released in 2008. The quarter design has the Grand Canyon and a rising sun at the top of the coin. To the right is a large Saguaro cactus with other desert cacti. A banner with the words "Grand Canyon State" separates the two Arizona scenes.



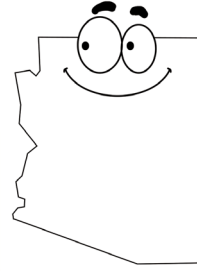
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# WHERE AM I?

Do you know where Arizona is? Circle the state on the map of the United States of America below.

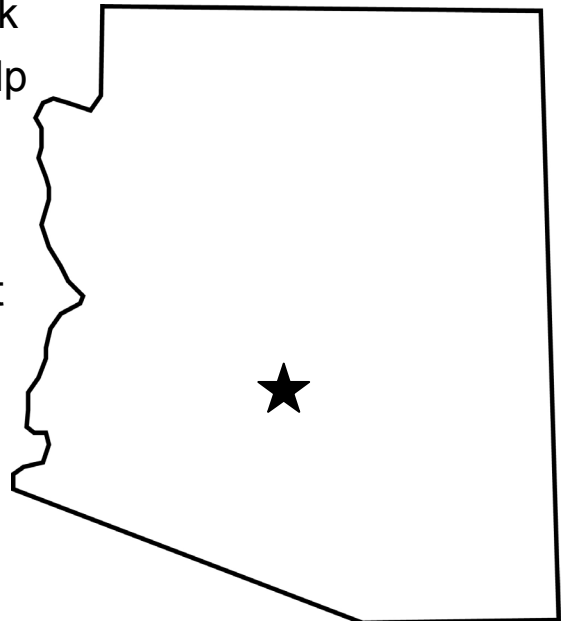


# WHAT CITY OR TOWN DO YOU LIVE IN?

Do you know what city or town you live in? Ask a parent, teacher or someone you know to help you. Write it below.

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Now that you know where you live, draw a dot on the Arizona map where the city or town is located. The star on the map is Arizona's capital, Phoenix.



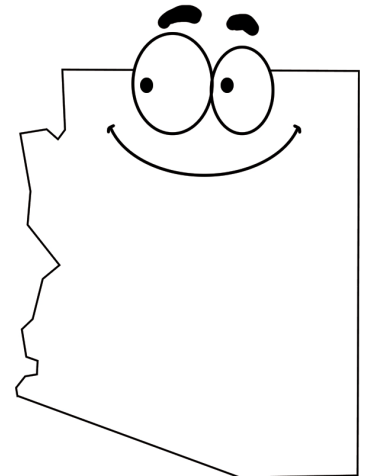
# ARIZONA FUN FACTS



Arizona became a territory on February 24, 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Organic Act. A drawing of President Lincoln can be found on a penny.



Arizona became a state on February 14, 1912, when President William Howard Taft approved Arizona's Constitution.



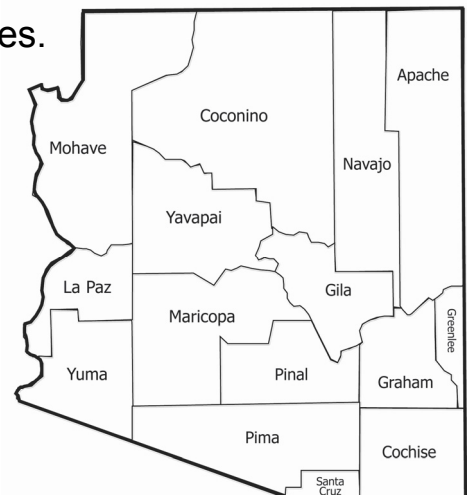
- Arizona is the 48th state to join the Union.
- Arizona has a few nicknames like, the Grand Canyon State, the Valentines State and the Copper State. Do you have a nickname?
- The Grand Canyon is known as one of the "Seven Wonders of the World." It is 217 miles long, 4 to 18 miles wide and 1 mile deep.

## ARIZONA COUNTIES

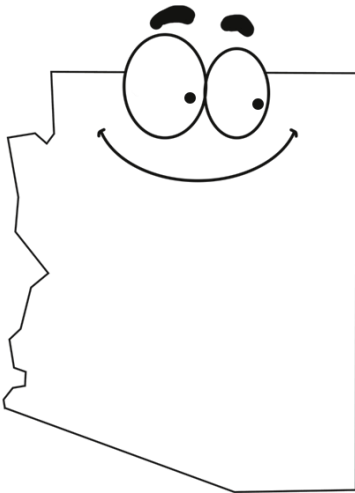
Now that you know where in Arizona your city/town is, find on the map below which county you live in.

Arizona has 15 counties.

- |                |             |             |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Apache      | 2. Cochise  | 3. Coconino |
| 4. Gila        | 5. Graham   | 6. Greenlee |
| 7. La Paz      | 8. Maricopa | 9. Mohave   |
| 10. Navajo     | 11. Pima    | 12. Pinal   |
| 13. Santa Cruz | 14. Yavapai | 15. Yuma    |



# THE ARIZONA FLAG



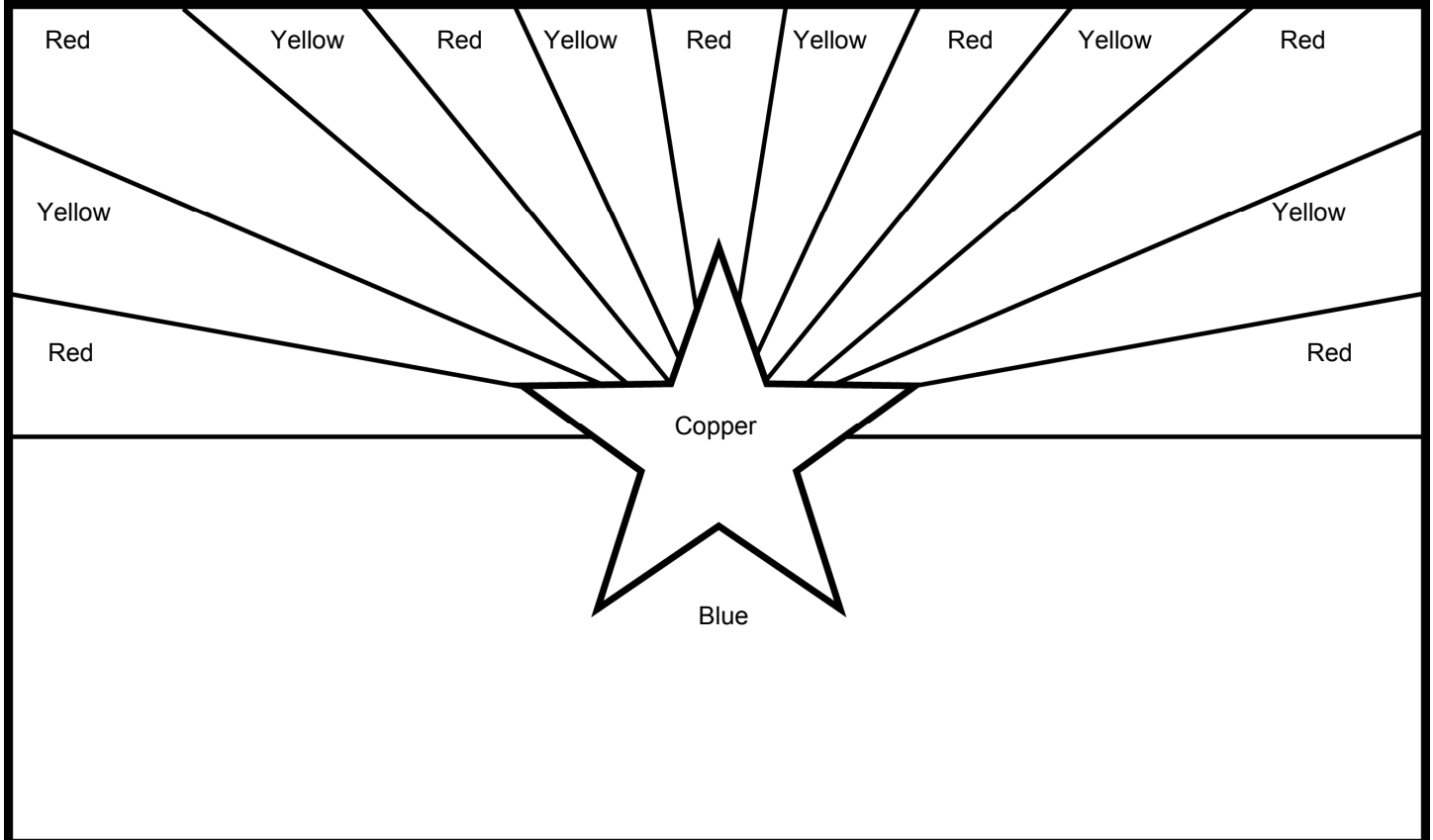
This is Arizona's flag. The colors of the state flag are red, yellow, blue and copper. Blue and gold are the official state colors.

All of the features on this flag have a meaning. The copper star is there to remind us of the state's copper industry. Can you name something that is made of copper?

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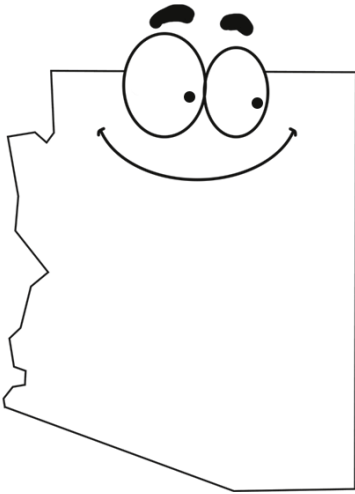
The copper star is rising from a blue field on the flag, the same blue as on the United States flag. At the top of the flag are rays of yellow and red. The rays represent the Spanish flags carried by explorers.

Can you count the number of rays on Arizona's flag? Start from left to right and count the red and yellow rays. **Hint: They represent the same number of original American colonies.**



ANSWER: 13

# What is a symbol?



Many states have symbols. A symbol can be a thing or object that stands for something. Symbols can paint a picture in your mind about a state. If you use your imagination, you can see Arizona's symbols in the desert or in the mountains. Each symbol was picked to show that.

The bola tie is Arizona's official neckwear. Most bola ties are made from silver and use turquoise as the gemstone, both of which are naturally and abundantly found in Arizona. Have you ever seen a bola tie?



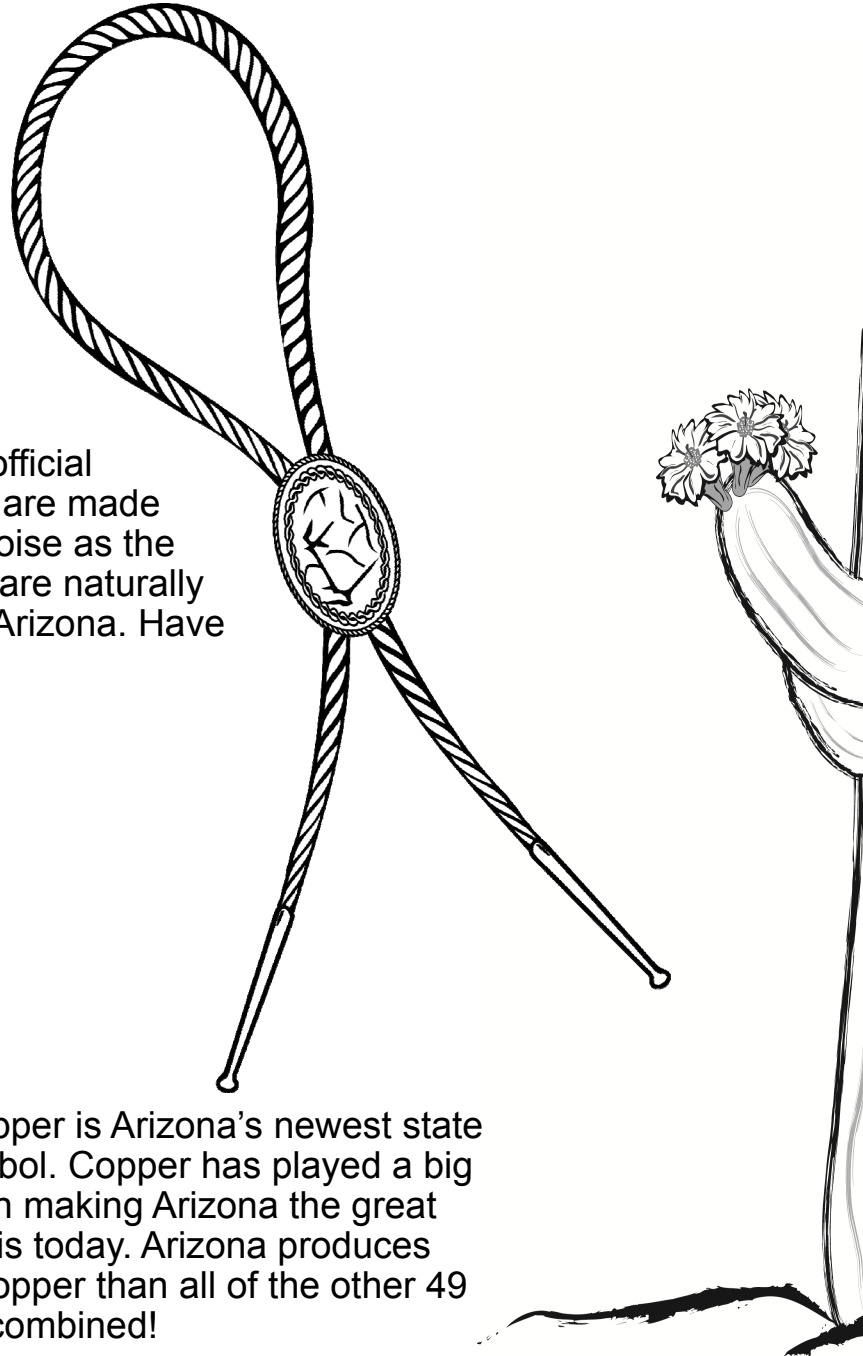
Copper is Arizona's newest state symbol. Copper has played a big part in making Arizona the great state it is today. Arizona produces more copper than all of the other 49 states combined!

# STATE S

Arizona has many state symbols.

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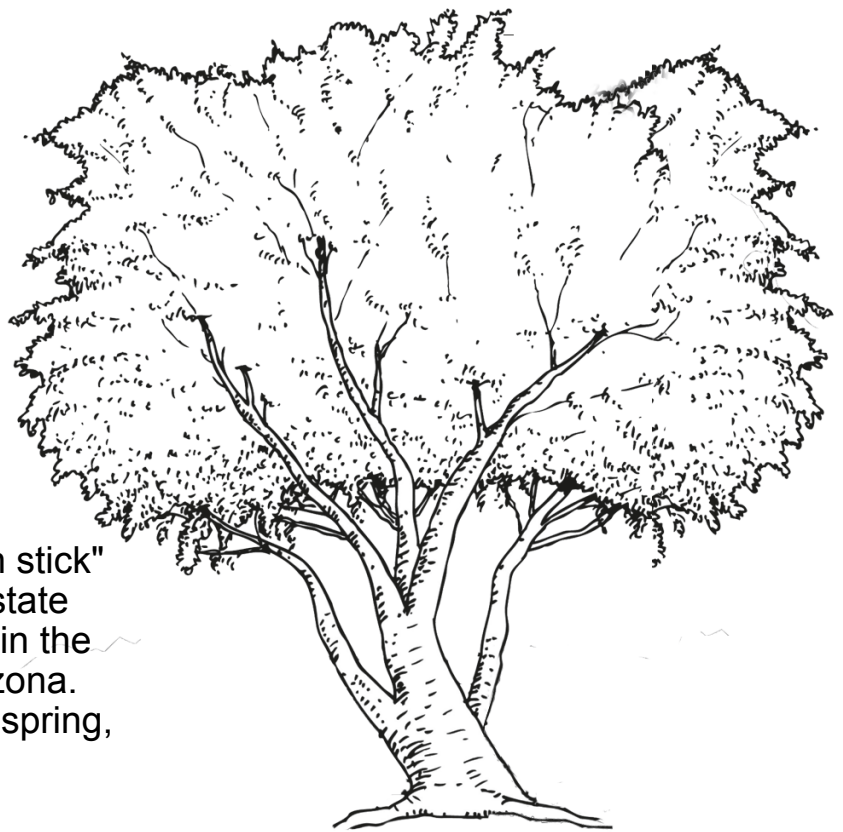
## THE STATE FLOWER SAGUARO CACTUS

The state flower is the white blossom of the saguaro, the largest cactus in the United States. The saguaro blossoms appear on the tips of the long arms of the cactus in May and June. Next time you go for a ride, ask your parents to point out a saguaro cactus. You can tell them the state flower grows on it in the spring!



## THE STATE TREE

The palo verde means "green stick" in Spanish and is the official state tree. The palo verde is found in the desert and the foothills of Arizona. When the trees bloom in late spring, it turns a golden color.

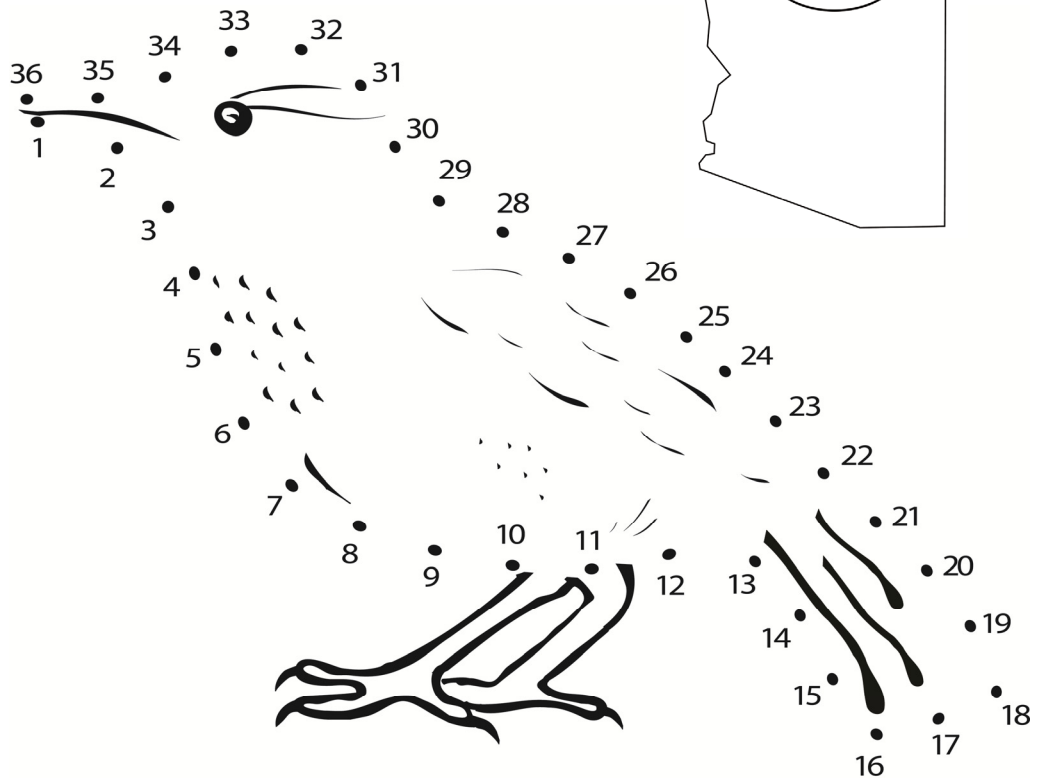


## THE STATE BIRD,

### THE CACTUS WREN

Arizona's state bird, the cactus wren, is brown with a speckled chest. If you look close you can see white lines over each eye. Cactus wrens grow to be about seven to eight inches in long.

Connect the dots to complete the picture of Arizona's state bird.

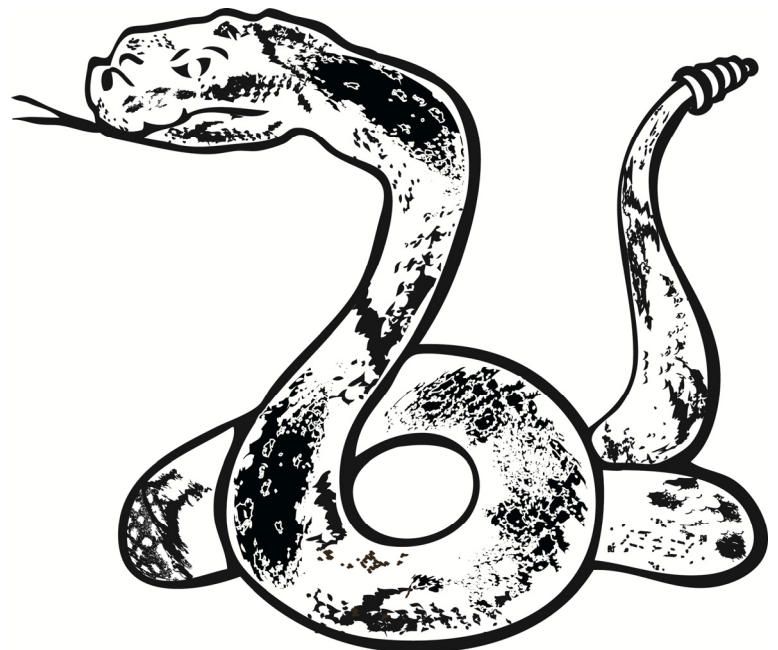


## THE STATE REPTILE, THE RIDGE-NOSED RATTLESNAKE

The Arizona ridge-nosed rattlesnake was the last rattlesnake to be named by herpetologists (grown-ups who study snakes).

This snake is small, rarely weighing more than 3-4 ounces as an adult and grows no longer than 24 inches.

The ridge-nosed rattlesnake lives only the Huachuca, Patagonia, and Santa Rita Mountains in the south central part of Arizona.





# ARIZONA'S OFFICIAL STATE SONGS

The official Arizona State Anthem, "Arizona March Song," was adopted February 28, 1919, by the Fourth State Legislature. The song was written by Margaret Rowe Clifford with music by Maurice Blumenthal. More than 60 years later, the Arizona Legislature named an alternate state anthem, titled "Arizona," a song written and performed by Rex Allen, Jr.

Centennial releases of the sheet music to both songs and a CD are available at the Arizona Capitol Museum.

## "ARIZONA"

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I love you, Arizona;  
Your mountains, deserts and streams;  
The rise of Dos Cabezas\*  
And the outlaws I see in my dreams;  
I love you Arizona,  
Superstitions and all;  
The warmth you give at sunrise;  
Your sunsets put music in us all.

Oo, Arizona;  
You're the magic in me;  
Oo, Arizona,  
You're the life-blood of me;

I love you Arizona;  
Desert dust on the wind;  
The sage and cactus are blooming,  
And the smell of the rain on your skin.

Oo, Arizona;  
You're the magic in me;  
Oo, Arizona,  
You're the life-blood of me.

\***Dos Cabezas:** Meaning two heads, refers to two mountain peaks in Cochise County, Arizona

## "ARIZONA MARCH SONG"

*Words by Margaret Rowe Clifford; Music by Maurice Blumenthal*

Come to this land of sunshine to this land where life is young. Where the wide, wide world is waiting, the songs that will now be sung.

Where the golden sun is flaming into warm, white, shining day, and the sons of men are blazing their priceless right of way.

Come stand beside the rivers within our valleys broad. Stand here with heads uncovered, in the presence of our God! While all around, about us the brave, unconquered band, as guardians and landmarks the giant mountains stand.

Not alone for gold and silver is Arizona great. But with graves of heroes sleeping, all the land is consecrate!

O, come and live beside us however far ye roam  
Come and help us build up temples and name those temples "home."

Sing the song that's in your hearts sing of the great Southwest, thank God, for Arizona in splendid sunshine dressed. For thy beauty and thy grandeur, for thy regal robes so sheen we hail thee Arizona our Goddess and our queen.

CHORUS: Sing the song that's in your hearts sing of the great Southwest, thank God, for Arizona in splendid sunshine dressed. For thy beauty and thy grandeur, for thy regal robes so sheen we hail thee Arizona our Goddess and our queen.

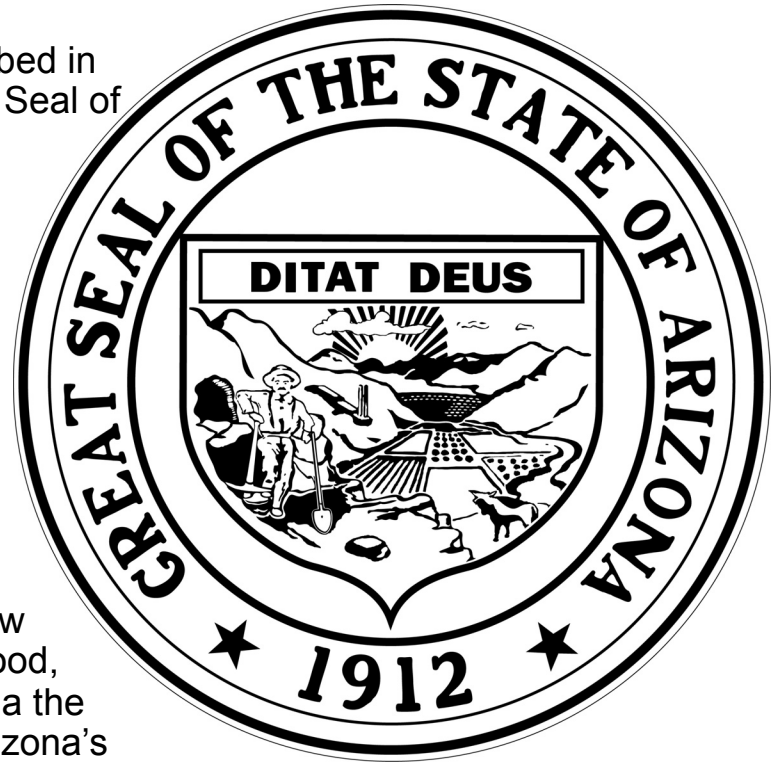
# THE ARIZONA STATE SEAL

Arizona's official state seal design is described in the Arizona Constitution. The words "Great Seal of Arizona" and the year of admission to the United States, 1912, encircles the seal.

In the center of the seal is the state motto, "Ditat Deus," meaning "God Enriches" in Latin.

In the shield the industries of mining, ranching and farming are represented with the state's natural beauty highlighted.

Following the creation of the state seal, in the 1930s an advertising campaign created "The Five C's" (Copper, Cattle, Cotton, Citrus, Climate) which many Arizonans know today. In the early days of Arizona's statehood, these five resources helped to make Arizona the great state it is today. Eighty years later, Arizona's economy has become much more diverse. Today, the Five C's account for less than 10 percent of the value of everything Arizona produces.



## CREATE YOUR OWN STATE SEAL

Pick at least four things to put on your seal which you think represent Arizona. Don't forget to create your own motto or saying to go into the rectangle.



## ARIZONA SECRETARY OF STATE

Arizona's Secretary of State is Katie Hobbs. In January 2019 she became Arizona's 21st Secretary of State. The Secretary of State has many duties. Some of those duties include: filling in for the Governor when he is away from Arizona and taking over as Governor should he leave office before his term is up. The Secretary of State is also in charge of the state's elections and registering Arizonans to vote. According to state law, the Arizona Secretary of State is the keeper of the seal and must give permission for the seal to be used.



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