

ARKANSAS

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STATE CAPITAL

The capital of Arkansas is Little Rock.

It is directly in the center of the state!





THE NATURAL STATE

Arkansas got its nickname because of its natural beauty and abundance of wildlife.

It is also the only U.S. state that produces diamonds!

You can visit The Crater of Diamonds State park to mine and harvest your own diamonds!



ARKANSAS FLAG

It has 25 stars on it to represent Arkansas being the 25th state.

The large white diamond in the middle represents Arkansas being the only state to produce diamonds!

Willie Kavanaugh Hocker designed the flag. He entered a flag design contest and won! Since then, stars have been added, but the design remains the same!

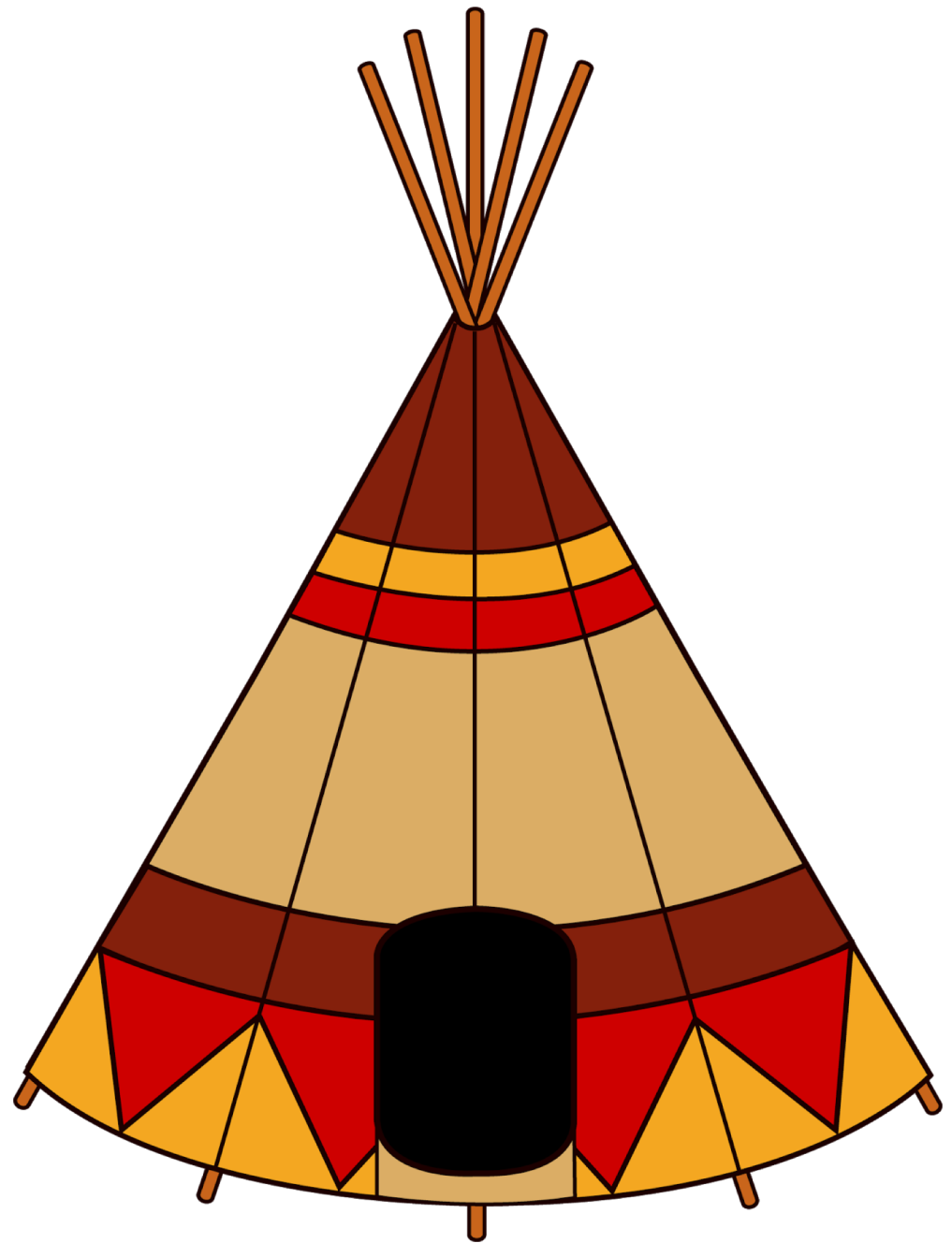
In 1924 the flag's design became what it looks like today!



STATE NAME

Arkansas's state motto is *Regnat populus* which means "The people rule."

Its name comes from the Native American tribe of Quapaw. They named it after their 'word *akakaze* which means *land of the downriver people.*'



STATE BIRD

The Mockingbird became the official state bird in 1929.

It got its name because it mimics other birds!

It can sing over 200 songs!





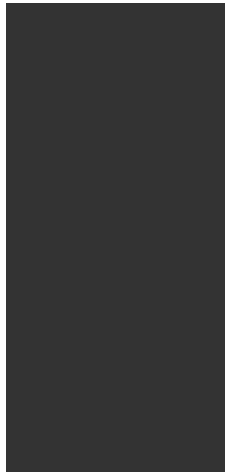
STATE MAMMAL

Arkansas's state mammal is the White-tailed Deer.

They like to live near streams, mountains, and lots of trees, so Arkansas is perfect for them!

They are also very shy around people and like to eat lots of plants!

A baby is called a fawn, a male is called a buck, and a female is called a doe!





STATE INSECT

The state insect is the Honeybee!

They are the only insect that produces food that we eat!

The queen bee can live up to 5 years. She can also lay up to 2,500 eggs per day!

STATE FLOWER

Arkansas' state flower is the Apple Blossom.

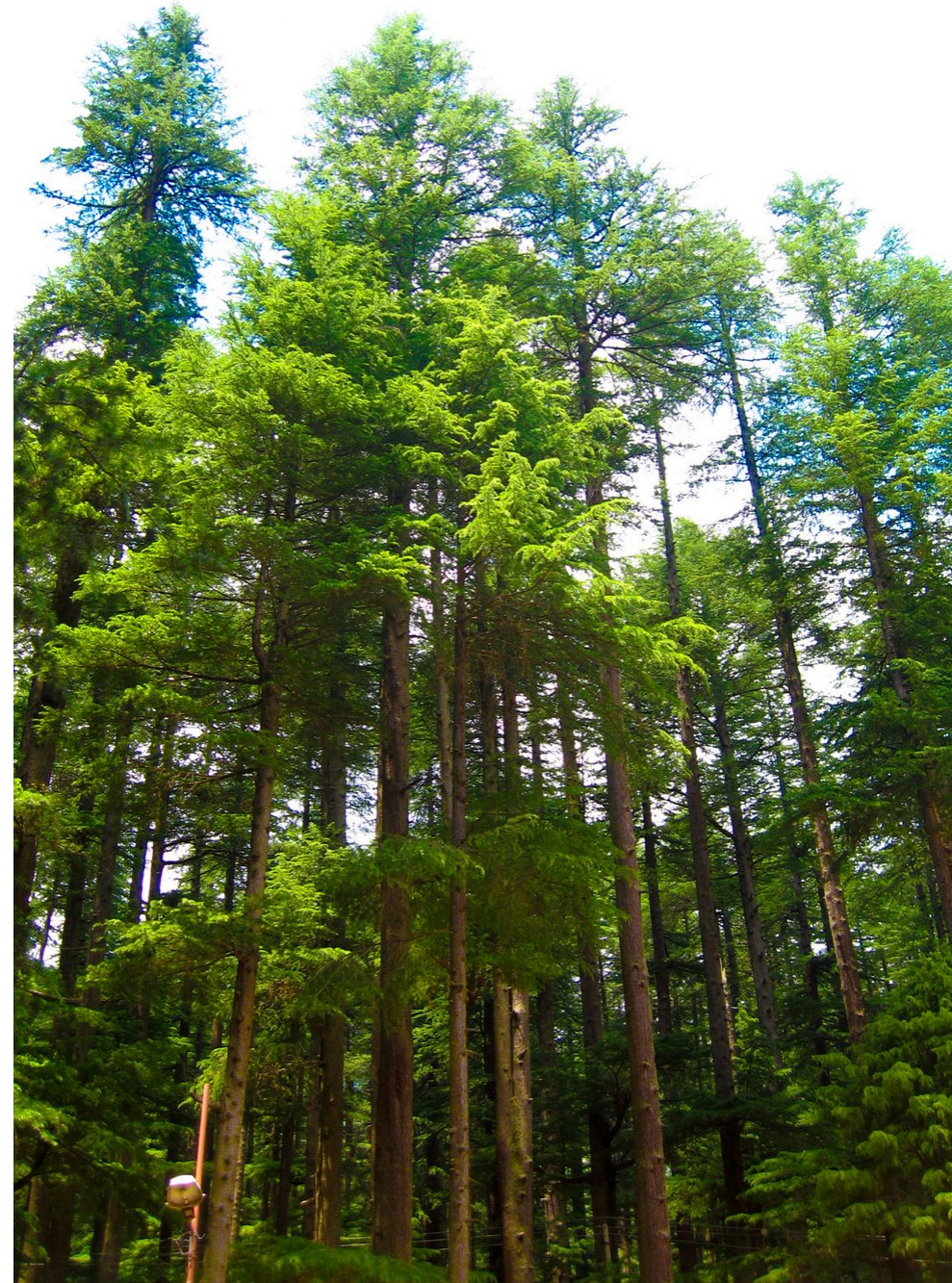
It became the state flower in 1901.

Apple Blossoms have 5 pink and white petals.



STATE TREE

The pine tree became Arkansas's state tree in 1939!





AGRICULTURE

Arkansas is known for growing a lot of different things.

Some of the most popular items include: Cotton, Rice, and Soybeans!





FUN FACTS

- The world's first cheese dip was invented in 1935 in the restaurant Little Mexico located in Hot Springs, Arkansas!
- Walmart was first started in Bentonville, Arkansas in 1950!
- Arkansas also has a state beverage... it's milk!
- The World Championship Duck Calling Contest is held every year in Stuttgart, Arkansas!

