Texas State Symbols

State Motto: Friendship
("Tejas" is a Caddo Indian word meaning "friend")

Texas State Seal
(Office of the Secretary of State)

State Flower: Bluebonnet
(Several varieties of this lupine blanket the Texas countryside each spring. Officially adopted in 1901)

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State Food: Chili
(A fiery stew brewed with Texas pride, adopted by the Legislature in 1977)

State Tree: Pecan
(Officially adopted in 1919)

State Grass: Sideoats Grama
(A nutritious native species favored by wildlife as well as livestock. Officially adopted in 1971)

State Bird: Northern Mockingbird
(Officially recognized by the Legislature in 1927)

State Pepper: Jalapeño
(Adopted by the Legislature in 1995)

State Plant: Prickly Pear
(Adopted by the Legislature in 1995)

State Large Mammal: Longhorn
(Named by the Legislature in 1995)

State Dinosaur: Pleurocoelus
(A sixty-foot-long sauropod from 105-million-year-old deposits in central Texas. Named by the Legislature in 1997)

State Fish: Guadalupe Bass
(Named by the Legislature in 1980)

State Reptile: Horned Lizard
(Named by the Legislature in 1993)

State Seashell: Lightning Whelk
(Adopted by the Legislature in 1987)

State Small Mammal: Nine-banded Armadillo
(Named by the Legislature in 1995)