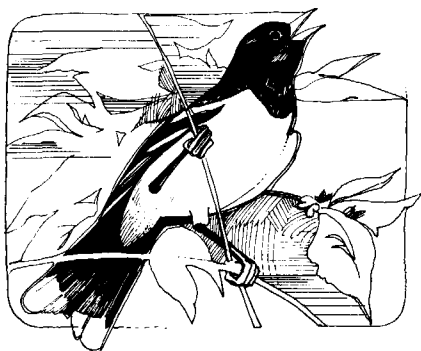


STATE TREE. Maryland has chosen for its tree the White Oak (*Quercus alba*). The magnificent specimen represented here is known as the Wye Oak, located at Wye Mills on the Eastern Shore. It is owned by the State (Chapter 731, Acts of 1941; Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 76).



STATE DOG. By Chapter 156, Acts of 1964, the Chesapeake Bay Retriever was declared the official dog of Maryland (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 77B).

STATE FLOWER. The Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) is the official Maryland flower (Chapter 458, Acts of 1918). A yellow daisy, or coneflower, it blooms in late summer (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 75).



STATE BIRD. The Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) is the official Maryland bird designated by the General Assembly (Chapter 54, Acts of 1947). Special provisions have been made for its protection (Chapter 154, Acts of 1882; Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 77). The oriole's black and yellow plumage, which were the same colors as in the Calvert shield, led to its early association with the name of the proprietor. As early as 1698, "Baltimore Birds" were among the "Beasts of Curriosity" ordered sent from Maryland to grace the royal gardens (*Archives of Maryland* 23:455-56).