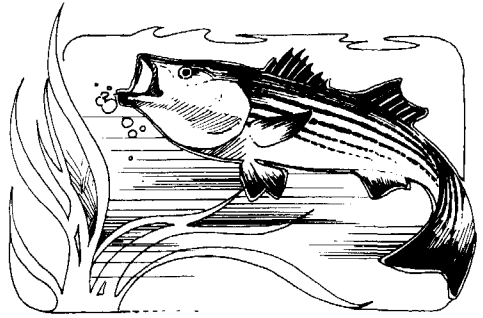
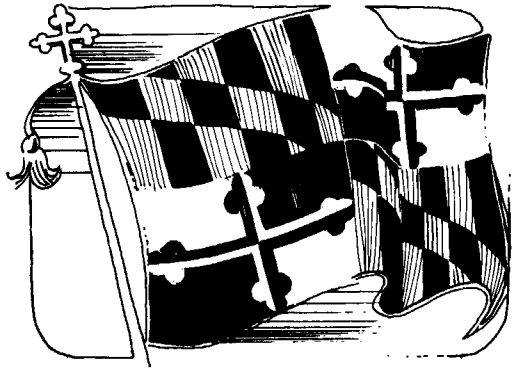


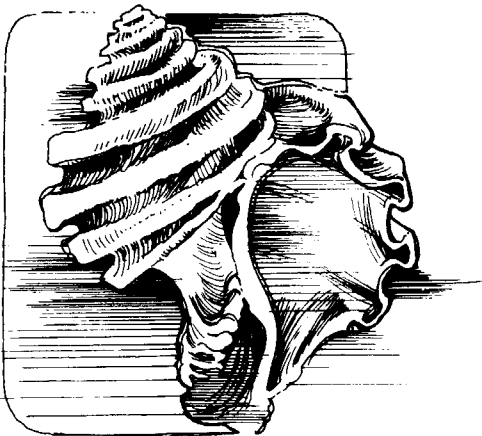
STATE FISH. The striped bass or rockfish (*Morone saxatilis*) was designated as the official fish of the State of Maryland in 1965 (Chapter 513, Acts of 1965; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-304).



STATE FLAG. Maryland's flag bears the arms of the Calvert and Crossland families. Calvert was the family name of the Lords Baltimore who founded Maryland, and their colors of gold and black appear in the first and fourth quarters of the flag. Crossland was the family of the mother of George Calvert, first Lord Baltimore. The red and white Crossland colors, with a Greek cross terminating in the foils, appear in the second and third quarters. This flag was first flown October 11, 1880, in Baltimore at a parade marking the 150th anniversary of the founding of Baltimore. It also was flown October 25, 1888, at Gettysburg Battlefield for ceremonies dedicating monuments to Maryland regiments of the Army of the Potomac. Officially, it was adopted as the State flag in 1904 (Chapter 48, Acts of 1904). Maryland law requires that if any ornament is affixed to the top of a flagstaff carrying the Maryland flag, the ornament must be a gold cross bottony (Chapter 862, Acts of 1945; Code State Government Article, secs. 13-201 through 13-204).



STATE FLOWER. The Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) has been the official Maryland flower since 1918 (Chapter 458, Acts of 1918). A yellow daisy, or coneflower, it blooms in late summer (Code State Government Article, sec. 13-305).



STATE FOSSIL SHELL. In 1984, the shell of the *Ecphora quadricostata* (Say), an extinct snail, was designated the State fossil shell (Chapter 313, Acts of 1984; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-311). The *Ecphora* inhabited Chesapeake Bay and other East Coast tidal waters 5 to 12 million years ago. An *Ecphora* shell found in St. Mary's County, c. 1685, is believed to be the first North American fossil illustrated in European scientific works.