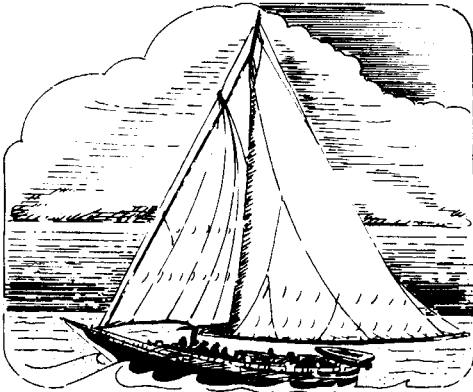
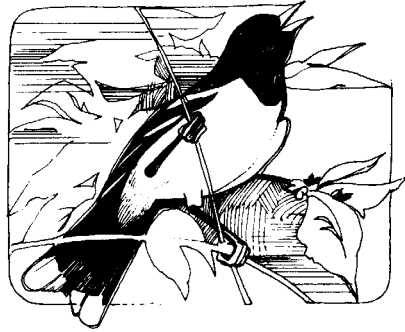
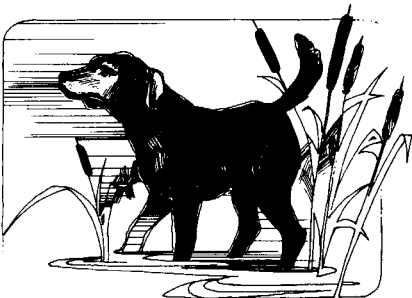
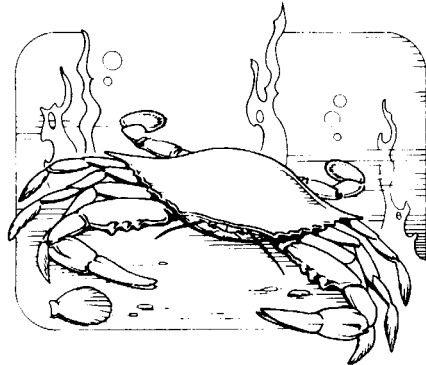


STATE BIRD. The Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) is the official Maryland bird (Chapter 54, Acts of 1947). Special provisions have been made for its protection (Chapter 154, Acts of 1882; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-302). The oriole's plumage of black and yellow, the same colors as in the Calvert shield, led to its early association with the name of the proprietor. In 1698, "Baltimore Birds" were among the "Beasts of Curriosity" ordered sent from Maryland to grace the royal gardens (*Archives of Maryland* 23:455-56).



STATE BOAT. The skipjack was designated the State Boat in 1985 (Chapter 788, Acts of 1985; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-312). Skipjacks, named after a leaping fish, are the last working boats under sail in the United States. In winter, they dredge oysters from the floor of Chesapeake Bay.

STATE CRUSTACEAN. In 1989, the Maryland Blue Crab (*Callinectes Sapidus*) was designated the State Crustacean (Chapter 724, Acts of 1989; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-301(b)).



STATE DOG. In 1964, the Chesapeake Bay Retriever was declared the official dog of Maryland (Chapter 156, Acts of 1964; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-303).