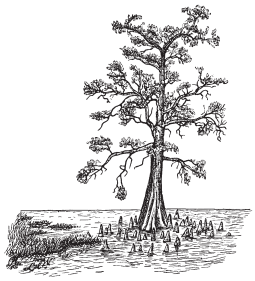
LOUISIANA

State Nickname: The Pelican State/ Bayou State

The Capitol of Louisiana is Baton Rouge.



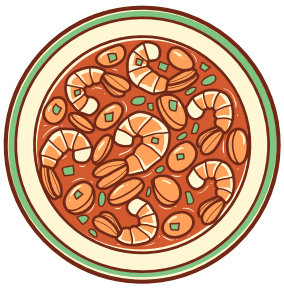
The state tree is the Bald Cypres.

The state bird is the Brown Pelican.

FUN FACTS:

Alligators live all over Louisiana, especially in the wetlands—there are over 2 million of them!

Louisiana is famous for foods like gumbo, jambalaya, crawfish, and beignets (a kind of donut).



Baton Rouge has the tallest state capitol building in the U.S.—it's 34 stories high!

Louisiana's motto is Union, Justice, and Confidence. It means the people believe in sticking together, doing what's right, and trusting in a better future.

The state flower is the Magnolia.

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Established: April 30, 1812

Louisiana's state flag shows a white pelican feeding her babies, which means the state cares a lot about protecting and helping others. The blue background represents loyalty and the peaceful nature of Louisiana's people.

STATE FACTS:

- **Square Miles: 52,000**
- **31st Largest State**
- **Largest City: New Orleans**
- **21 State Parks**
- **Highest Point: 535 feet, Driskill Mountain**

LOUISIANA CULTURE, MUSIC,& FUN

Louisiana is the birthplace of jazz music, which started in New Orleans with lively beats and brass bands.

The state is famous for Mardi Gras, a huge celebration with parades, beads, costums, and king cake!

Louisiana has a mix of cultures—French, Spanish, African, and more—which gives it unique food, music, and festivals.

Louisiana is the only state that has parishes instead of counties. A long time ago, it was ruled by the French and Spanish, and they used the word "parish"—and Louisiana still does today!