

Facts about Texas

State Seal

A white star of five points on an azure blue field encircled by olive and live oak branches is pictured on the front side of the present seal. The seal bears the inscription "The State of Texas." The reverse side of the seal, adopted in 1961, shows a shield with symbols of the Texas war for independence from Mexico, surrounded by the six flags that have flown over Texas.



Six Flags over Texas

Through the years, six different national flags have flown over Texas. Early Spanish explorers claimed the region for Spain. The French flag also briefly flew over Texas. After Mexico won its independence from Spain, the Mexican flag flew over Texas. With the Texas Revolution, Texans established a new republic and created the lone star flag. The American flag replaced the Texas flag after annexation. During the Civil War, the Confederate flag was flown. When the Civil War ended in 1865, the American flag once again flew over Texas.



Spain



France



Mexico



Texas



Confederate States
of America



United States of
America



The Pledge to the Texas Flag

On April 3, 1965, Governor John Connally signed an act of the 59th legislature, officially designating the following as the pledge to the Texas flag:

*Honor the Texas Flag.
I pledge allegiance to thee,
Texas, one and indivisible.*

State Bird

The mockingbird was designated the Texas state bird by the legislature on January 31, 1927. The mockingbird has the ability to imitate many things it hears. It has been characterized as fearless and aggressive in protecting itself and its offspring against enemies.



State Song

The Texas state song is "Texas, Our Texas." The music was written by William J. Marsh, and the words by Gladys Yoakum Wright and William J. Marsh. It was adopted by the legislature in 1929.



State Flower

The bluebonnet was adopted on March 7, 1901, as the state flower of Texas by the 27th legislature. The flower is said to have received its name from its resemblance to a woman's sunbonnet. It also has been called wolfflower, buffalo clover, and *el conejo* (the rabbit).

