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Arizona

State Bird

Cactus Wren (common name)
Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus (scientific name)

Overview

The cactus wren is a small bird with speckled brown, black, and white feathers on its back, wings, and head, and a buff belly with brown spots. It has long legs and a long, slightly curved bill. It was named the Arizona state bird in 1931 because there are more cactus wrens in Arizona than anywhere else in the country and because the cactus is an emblematic symbol of the state. The cactus wren primarily eats ants, beetles, grasshoppers, caterpillars, and wasps. Occasionally, it will also eat seeds, fruit, and small frogs or lizards. Its scientific name means "curved beak," and it uses its beak to uncover any under leaves and ground cover. This very noisy bird will aggressively defend its nest by screeching at intruders. Pairs breed multiple times during the year; at some points, the male wren will care for the young in one nest while the female is incubating the next clutch of eggs in another.

Close-up

STATUS
Official

ALSO KNOWN AS
Yucatan cactus wren, Yucatan wren

PHYSICAL DETAILS

	Male	Female
Size	Length to end of tail: 7.1-8.7 in (18-22 cm)	Length to end of tail: 7.1-8.7 in (18-22 cm)
Wing from fissure:	7-7.5 in (17.5-19.1 cm)	7-7.5 in (17.5-19.1 cm)
Length of tail:	3 in (7.5 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)
Weight:	1.1-1.7 oz (30-48 g)	1-1.6 oz (30-47 g)

BEHAVIOR

The cactus wren is well adapted to desert climates. It is an active and inquisitive bird that forages for food very methodically, searching under leaves and other ground litter.

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Became a State on: Tuesday, December 14, 1819 (K22)

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Virginia

Welcome to Virginia

"The Old Dominion State"

Inextricably tied to the birthplace of the country, Virginia, or the "Old Dominion," was the site of the first New World colony, and the state has the nation's oldest continuously-running legislative body—the General Assembly. Not to be outdone by time, Virginia is also the birthplace of eight US presidents, making it the "Mother of Presidents." Virginia was crucial in winning America's independence during the Revolutionary War, and it was also a powerful member of the Confederacy during the Civil War. Even today, Virginia's cultural contradictions make it a compelling and dynamic place.

While the state is heavily influenced by its Christian and Southern roots, Virginia is surprisingly multicultural, claiming the biggest Vietnamese population on the East Coast and a Hispanic population that's growing exponentially. Traditional rural industries such as mining and agriculture are crucial to Virginia's economy, and its growing technology and government sectors attract educated workers from all areas of the country to its urban centers. The new, modern Virginia is largely urban, pluralistic, and innovative, but that shouldn't stop anyone from sipping a mint julep on the front porch from time to time.

The Land

The two most notable geological features of the state are the Chesapeake Bay and the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Chesapeake Bay offers plentiful harvests of blue crabs, clams, oysters, and other seafood; it is also a major tourist attraction, with opportunities for sailing, kayaking, swimming, boating, and recreational fishing. The Blue Ridge Mountains are a major attraction for outdoor recreation, including hiking, camping, and biking. Both the Appalachian Trail and the Blue Ridge Parkway—the longest linear park in the country—pass through the state. Virginia is also home to the Shenandoah National Park, along with 34 state parks and 17 state forests.

Tidewater, a major coastal plain in southeastern Virginia, is known for its heavy clay soil. Its flat land is home to vast tidal marshes and swamps. West of Tidewater, the Piedmont gradually slopes upward to 900 feet (274 m) above sea level, creating rolling plains dissected by numerous streams.

The People

As a legacy of Virginia's once-powerful slave-based plantation economy, approximately one-fifth of Virginians are African American, down from a high of about one-half. Approximately 68 percent of Virginians are white, about 5 percent are Asian, less than

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