Kentucky state bird: the Northern Cardinal

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KENTUCKY STATE BIRD

Northern Cardinal

Cardinalis cardinalis

SINCE 1926

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FIVE QUICK FACTS

Adopted: Senate Resolution 17, approved February 17, 1926

Law today: Kentucky Revised Statutes 2.080 (recodified in 1942)

State flower: Goldenrod

State animal: No single one; the gray squirrel (game species, 1968) and the eastern spotted skunk (nongame mammal, 2026)

In the law: "The native redbird, commonly known as the Kentucky cardinal"

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