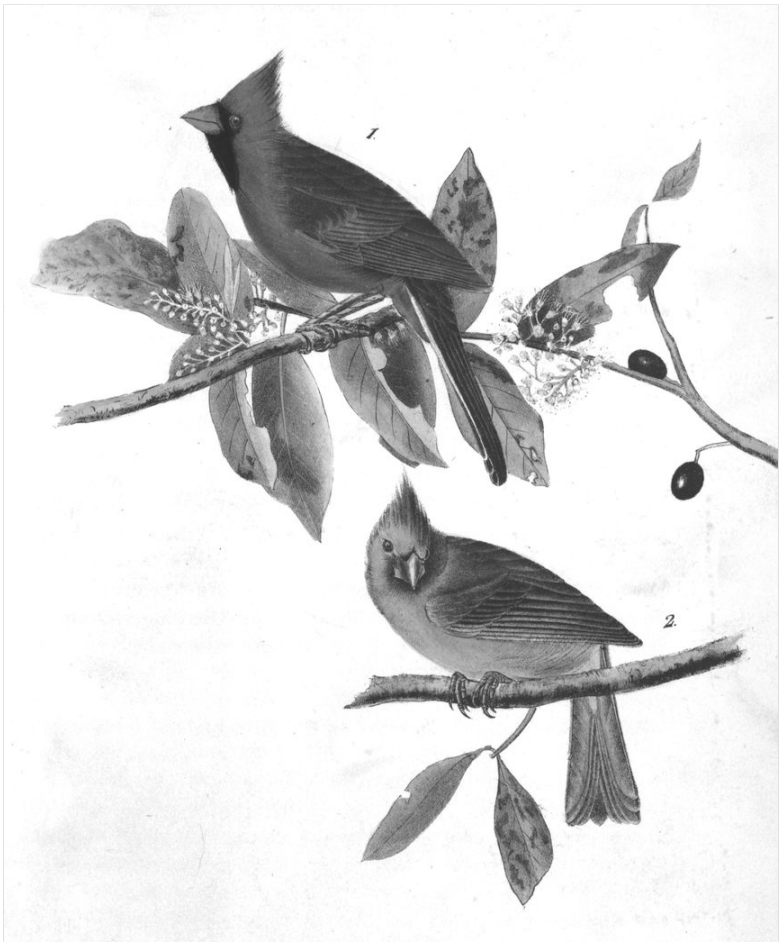
West Virginia state bird: the Northern Cardinal

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE BIRD

Northern Cardinal

Cardinalis cardinalis

SINCE 1949

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FIVE QUICK FACTS

Chosen: By a statewide vote in April 1949

Resolution: House Concurrent Resolution No. 12, adopted March 7, 1949

State flower: Rhododendron (1903)

State animal: Black bear (1973)

Old local name: "Red bird," says e-WV

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