

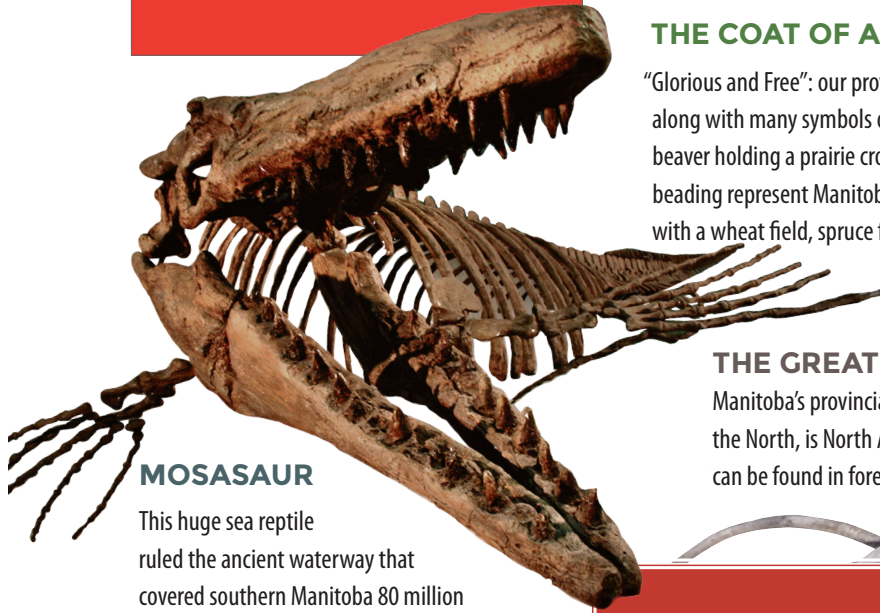


THE OFFICIAL FLAG OF THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

Officially proclaimed in 1966 on May 12 – Manitoba Day – the flag features the Red Ensign and the provincial coat of arms.

THE COAT OF ARMS OF MANITOBA

“Glorious and Free”: our provincial motto is proudly displayed in our coat of arms along with many symbols of Manitoba and Canada, including the bison and a beaver holding a prairie crocus. The wheel of a Red River cart and Aboriginal beading represent Manitoba’s heritage and our diverse landscape is showcased with a wheat field, spruce forest and clear, blue water.



MOSASAUR

This huge sea reptile ruled the ancient waterway that covered southern Manitoba 80 million years ago. Today, you can see Manitoba’s official fossil, a Guinness Record holding 13-metre-long mosasaur named Bruce, on display at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden.



WALLEYE

One of the most popular fish to catch in Manitoba. The name comes from the fact that the fish’s eyes point outward, as if looking at the walls, are often called pickerel by locals, and make for a tasty shore lunch.

THE GREAT GREY OWL

Manitoba’s provincial bird, sometimes called Phantom of the North, is North America’s largest owl by length and can be found in forests throughout Manitoba year-round.



BIG BLUESTEM

The official prairie grass of Manitoba, Big Bluestem is a perennial bunchgrass, growing 4 to 6 feet tall. The seed head forms three finger-like branches, giving it the shape of a turkey’s foot.



OFFICIAL EMBLEMS OF MANITOBA



THE CROCUS

The first plant to bloom on the prairie each spring, often seen poking through the melting snow, is also known as the windflower because of its furry petals.



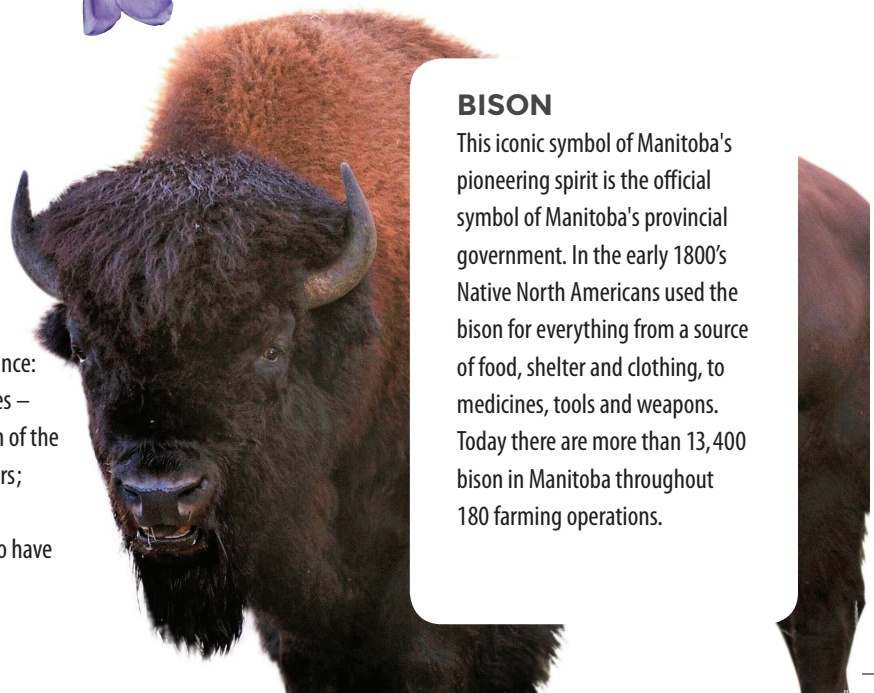
THE WHITE SPRUCE

Capable of surviving in virtually every climatic and environmental region of Manitoba. It is best known as a traditional Christmas tree, and thus is often cultivated for this purpose.



THE MANITOBA TARTAN

Every colour in Manitoba’s official tartan has significance: red squares – the Red River Settlement; green squares – the natural resources of the province; the intersection of the blue lines – the forks of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers; gold lines – grain and other agricultural products; green lines – the men and women of many races who have enriched the life of Manitoba.



BISON

This iconic symbol of Manitoba’s pioneering spirit is the official symbol of Manitoba’s provincial government. In the early 1800’s Native North Americans used the bison for everything from a source of food, shelter and clothing, to medicines, tools and weapons. Today there are more than 13,400 bison in Manitoba throughout 180 farming operations.