

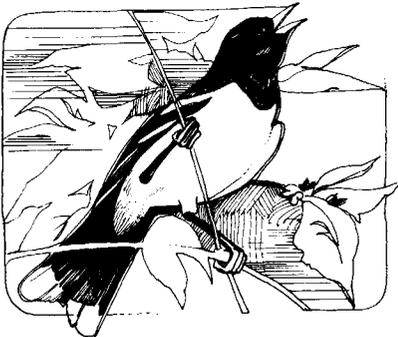
**STATE TREE.** Maryland has chosen for its tree the White Oak (*Quercus alba*). The magnificent specimen represented here is known as the Wye Oak, located at Wye Mills on the Eastern Shore. It is owned by the State (Chapter 731, Acts of 1941; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-310).



**STATE DOG.** In 1964, the Chesapeake Bay Retriever was declared the official dog of Maryland (Chapter 156, Acts of 1964; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-303).



**STATE FLOWER.** The Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) has been the official Maryland flower since 1918 (Chapter 458, Acts of 1918). A yellow daisy, or coneflower, it blooms in late summer (Code State Government Article, sec. 13-305).



**STATE BIRD.** The Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) is the official Maryland bird designated by the General Assembly (Chapter 54, Acts of 1947). Special provisions have been made for its protection (Chapter 154, Acts of 1882; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-302). The oriole's black and yellow plumage, which were the same colors as in the Calvert shield, led to its early association with the name of the proprietor. As early as 1698, "Baltimore Birds" were among the "Beasts of Curriosity" ordered sent from Maryland to grace the royal gardens (*Archives of Maryland* 23:455-56).