

## **STATE SYMBOLS**

Although born in Virginia, Sam Houston is a leading hero in Texas history. He was immensely proud and devoted to this state. While these symbols weren't designated during Sam's time, they stand today to represent the legacy Sam worked to build.

- Texas: comes from an Indian word, "Tejas," meaning friends or allies
- Flag: the Lone Star Flag, adopted 1/25/1836, during the Republic of Texas
- Animal: Armadillo
- Bird: Mockingbird
- Fish: Bass
- Reptile: Rattlesnake
- Insect: Mosquito
- Tree: Pecan
- Flower: Bluebonnet
- Dish: Chili
- Fruit: Ruby Red Grapefruit
- Gem: Blue Topaz
- Grass: Sideoats grama
- Shell: Left handed lightning whelk
- Stone: Petrified Palmwood
- Song: "Texas, Our Texas" by William J. Marsh
- Motto: Friendship
- Nickname: The Lone Star State

## **SIX FLAGS OF TEXAS**

Six flags have flown over the state of Texas. In all there has been eight changes in government. Flags marked with "\*" represent flags flying during Sam Houston's time in Texas.

- Spanish 1519-1685
- French 1685-1690
- Spanish 1690-1821
- Mexican 1821-1836\*
- Republic of Texas 1836-1845\*
- United States 1845-1861\*
- Confederate States 1861-1865\*
- United States 1865-Present