

Quebec (QC) – Facts, Flags and Symbols

Capital:

Quebec City

Population (2010 estimate):ⁱ

7,870,026

Motto on Licence Plate:

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Flag:ⁱⁱ

Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, January 21, 1948

Flag raised, January 21, 1948

Act of Legislature assented to, March 9, 1950



Arms:ⁱⁱⁱ

Royal Warrant of Queen Victoria, May 26, 1868

Gazetted, November 16, 1869

Revised by Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, December 9, 1939



Date Entered Confederation:^{iv}

The British Parliament passed the *British North America Act* in March 1867. "Canada"—comprising Canada East and Canada West, now known as Quebec and Ontario, respectively—New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were brought together under one constitution.

Flower:

Blue Flag

The blue flag (*iris versicolor*) is the floral emblem of Quebec, as per the *Flag and Emblems of Quebec Act* assented to on November 5, 1999.



Bird:

Snowy Owl

The National Assembly adopted the snowy owl (*Nyctea scandiaca*) as Quebec's official bird in 1987. Unlike other owls, the snowy owl isn't exclusively nocturnal. It hunts both day and night, surviving mainly on lemmings. Quebec decided to select the snowy owl as a symbol of the province's support for wildlife protection.



Tree:

Yellow Birch

The yellow birch (*Betula alleghaniensis*) has played a vital role in the furniture industry of Quebec since the early days of colonization. It is found in abundance throughout the southern regions of the province and is admired for its beauty and functionality.



ⁱ Statistics Canada – Quarterly demographic estimates, 2010
<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/100325/t100325a2-eng.htm>

ⁱⁱ Canadian Heritage – Canadian Anthems and Symbols
<http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1266258105305/1266214672512>

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^{iv} Library and Archives Canada – Canadian Confederation
<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/confederation/index-e.html>

