

Saskatchewan (SK) – Facts, Flags and Symbols

Capital:

Regina

Population (2010 estimate):ⁱ

1,038,018

Motto on Licence Plate:

Land of Living Skies

Flag:ⁱⁱ

Act of Legislature assented to, March 31, 1969

Proclaimed by the Lieutenant Governor, September 22, 1969



Arms:ⁱⁱⁱ

Royal Warrant of King Edward VII, August 25, 1906

Gazetted, October 13, 1906

Augmented by crest, supporters and motto by Royal Warrant of Queen Elizabeth II, signed by Governor General Jeanne Sauvé, September 16, 1986

Gazetted, October 4, 1986



Date Entered Confederation:^{iv}

On September 1, 1905, the Canadian government adopted the *Saskatchewan Act* and the *Alberta Act*, and two new provinces joined Canada.

Flower:

Prairie Lily

Saskatchewan adopted the orange-red lily (*Lilium philadelphicum* L. var. *Andinum*), also known as the prairie lily, as its official flower in 1941. The Saskatchewan Natural History Society suggested the flower to a special committee that had been set up to consider the matter.



Bird:

Sharp-Tailed Grouse

The sharp-tailed grouse (*Pedioecetes phasianellus james*), also known as the prairie chicken, is one of Saskatchewan's most popular game birds. Saskatchewan adopted it as the province's official bird in 1945.



Tree:

Paper Birch

The paper birch (*Betula papyrifera*) can be easily recognized by its papery white bark. First Nations communities used it to make canoes, baskets and utensils. The birch can also be used as a veneer or plywood, and it is a popular choice for furniture. The tree was adopted in 1988 as the province's official tree, as it is found everywhere in Saskatchewan.



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

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^{iv} Library and Archives Canada – Canadian Confederation

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/confederation/index-e.html>

