

Manitoba (MB) – Facts, Flags and Symbols

Capital:

Winnipeg

Population (2010 estimate):ⁱ

1,228,984

Motto on Licence Plate:

Friendly Manitoba

Flag:ⁱⁱ

Act of Legislature assented to, May 11, 1965

Queen Elizabeth II's approval of use of Royal Union flag, August 27, 1965

Flag raised, May 12, 1966



Arms:ⁱⁱⁱ

Royal Warrant of King Edward VII, May 10, 1905

Gazetted, September 23, 1905

Augmented by crest, supporters and motto by Warrant of Governor General Ramon John Hnatyshyn

Gazetted, December 5, 1992



Date Entered Confederation:^{iv}

After much negotiation with the Métis population, an agreement was reached and Manitoba became the fifth Canadian province. On May 12, 1870, the *Manitoba Act* received Royal Assent and was enacted on July 15, 1870.

Flower:

Prairie Crocus

In Manitoba, the prairie crocus (*Pulsatilla ludoviciana*)—also known as anemone patens, the pasque-flower, the windflower (because of its furry petals) and the gosling plant—was officially adopted as the official flower in 1906. Interest had first been aroused by the Manitoba Horticultural Society. A subsequent vote among schoolchildren put the crocus in first place, the prairie lily second and the wild rose third.



Bird:

Great Grey Owl

Manitoba adopted the great grey owl (*Strix nebulosa*) as its official bird on July 16, 1987. The great grey owl is the largest owl in North America with a wingspan of 1.3 metres (4 feet). The owl can be found across the province year round.



Tree:

White Spruce

The white spruce (*Picea glauca*) is 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.



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>

