



THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
celebrates

EARTH DAY 2025

through science, service, and sustainability during the agency's inaugural year and beyond.

Palmetto Tree

South Carolina's state tree is the Sabal palmetto, so designated by a legislative act approved by Governor Burnet R. Maybank on March 17, 1939. The palmetto is a branchless palm with long, fanlike evergreen leaves that spread atop a thick stem, or trunk. It can grow as high as 65 feet, and mature South Carolina natives average 30- to 40-feet tall.

Yellow Jessamine

The yellow, or Carolina, jessamine was chosen as state flower by the General Assembly in 1924. It is indigenous to every part of the state. The yellow jessamine is a twining woody vine with pointed, evergreen leaves. Five-petaled, star-shaped yellow flowers bloom from February or March through early May. All parts of the plant are poisonous, and even touching it can cause dermatitis.

Carolina Wren

The Carolina Wren became South Carolina's official state bird with the signing of an act by Governor Strom Thurmond on April 3, 1948. It is a permanent resident in every part of the state, and sings practically year-round. The Carolina wren is a small, energetic bird, 5 to 6 inches in length, has chestnut brown upper parts, cinnamon under parts, and a distinctive white stripe over the eye.

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