

YOU can help the **ANIMALS** and **PLANTS** that are our **STATE SYMBOLS** by conserving them and protecting their habitat.

Here are **3** ideas to get you started!

1 **Build a bluebird nest box**

Buy a kit to make a nest box for bluebirds, or make your own by following instructions from the New York State Bluebird Society at www.nysbs.org



2 **Plant a sugar maple tree**

You can buy seedling trees from a nursery, such as DEC's Saratoga Tree Nursery.

Visit www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7127.html to learn more.



3 **Look for ladybugs**

Researchers at Cornell University are studying ladybug biodiversity (the many different kinds there are), including the nine-spotted. You can help by photographing ladybugs and sending the photos to Cornell.

Visit <http://ladybug.ento.cornell.edu> to learn more, and to link with some other ladybug websites and games.



Courtesy of Cornell University

STATE SYMBOL SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to spell the names of New York's natural history state symbols.

nien topsted baldyrid tebele	korob rottu
rugsa pleam	reseant lubbride
peerdurity	sore
yba capslol	dipprest sabs
pinspang lutter	ravbee
tagren	

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