

California: Quick Facts

Capital City:	Sacramento
Nickname:	The Golden State
Motto:	Eureka (I have found it)
Statehood:	September 9, 1850 (31st)
Origin of State's Name:	Named by the Spanish after Calafia, a mythical paradise in a Spanish romance written by Montalvo in 1510.
Largest Cities:	Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, San Francisco, Fresno
Border States:	Arizona, Nevada, Oregon
Land Area:	155,973 sq. mi.; 3rd largest
State Bird:	California Valley Quail
State Flower:	Golden Poppy (<i>eschscholtzia californica</i>)
State Tree:	California redwood (<i>sequoia sempervirens</i>)
State Song:	<i>I Love You, California</i>

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