

Who Knew? State Mammals

The State Marine Mammal

The orca became the Washington State Marine Mammal in 2005, after years of research and the persuasion of local second graders. The decision was intended to promote orca awareness and ocean conservation.

Wolves of the Sea

Orcas live in family groups, called pods, that hunt fish, penguins, and seals. This group hunting behavior resulted in their nickname, “wolves of the sea.”

The State Mammal

In 2009, the Olympic marmot became the State Endemic Mammal of Washington after fourth and fifth graders in Seattle submitted proposals. These highly social animals identify one another by touching noses and smelling cheeks.

One of a Kind

The Olympic marmot is endemic to Washington State, meaning they're found nowhere else in the world. They live on the Olympic Peninsula and can be spotted along Hurricane Ridge in the summer months. **EMILY BISHOP**

Who Knew? Prohibition

It Wasn't Completely Illegal to Drink

The Volstead Act banned the manufacturing, selling, and transportation of alcohol. Wine was permitted for religious purposes, and drug stores could sell medicinal whiskey if shown a doctor's note.

Doctor's Orders

Doctors prescribed alcohol to treat ailments ranging from toothaches to the flu. This led to an increase in prescriptions—and speakeasies operating under the guise of pharmacies.

The Shift to Gin

Bathtub gin required no aging and was more readily available than other liquors, resulting in the rising popularity of gin cocktails such as the southside fizz and the gin rickey.

The End of Prohibition

A majority of states ratified the 21st Amendment by 1933, ending the Prohibition Era. President Roosevelt supposedly celebrated by downing a dirty martini in the White House.

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Who Knew? Alfred Hitchcock

A Fitting Moniker

Having pioneered the thriller genre, it's understandable that Alfred Hitchcock was dubbed "The Master of Suspense." His movies have garnered more than 45 Oscar nominations, but Hitchcock never won an Academy Award for Best Director.

Ornithophobia

In one of the final scenes of "The Birds," Tippi Hedren's character enters an attic filled with birds. This scene took a week to film. Real birds were used, and Hedren received several injuries from the gulls that were thrown at her by crewmen.

Foniasophobia

Originally, Hitchcock planned for the iconic shower scene in "Psycho" to have no music. Composer Bernard Herrman decided to compose a piece for the scene anyways. Hitchcock was so pleased with what Herrman had written that he doubled his salary.

Scopophobia

Hitchcock modeled the villain in "Rear Window," Lars Thorwald, after Hollywood producer David O. Selznick. Thorwald's actor was costumed to resemble Selznick and was directed to mimic the producer's mannerisms.

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