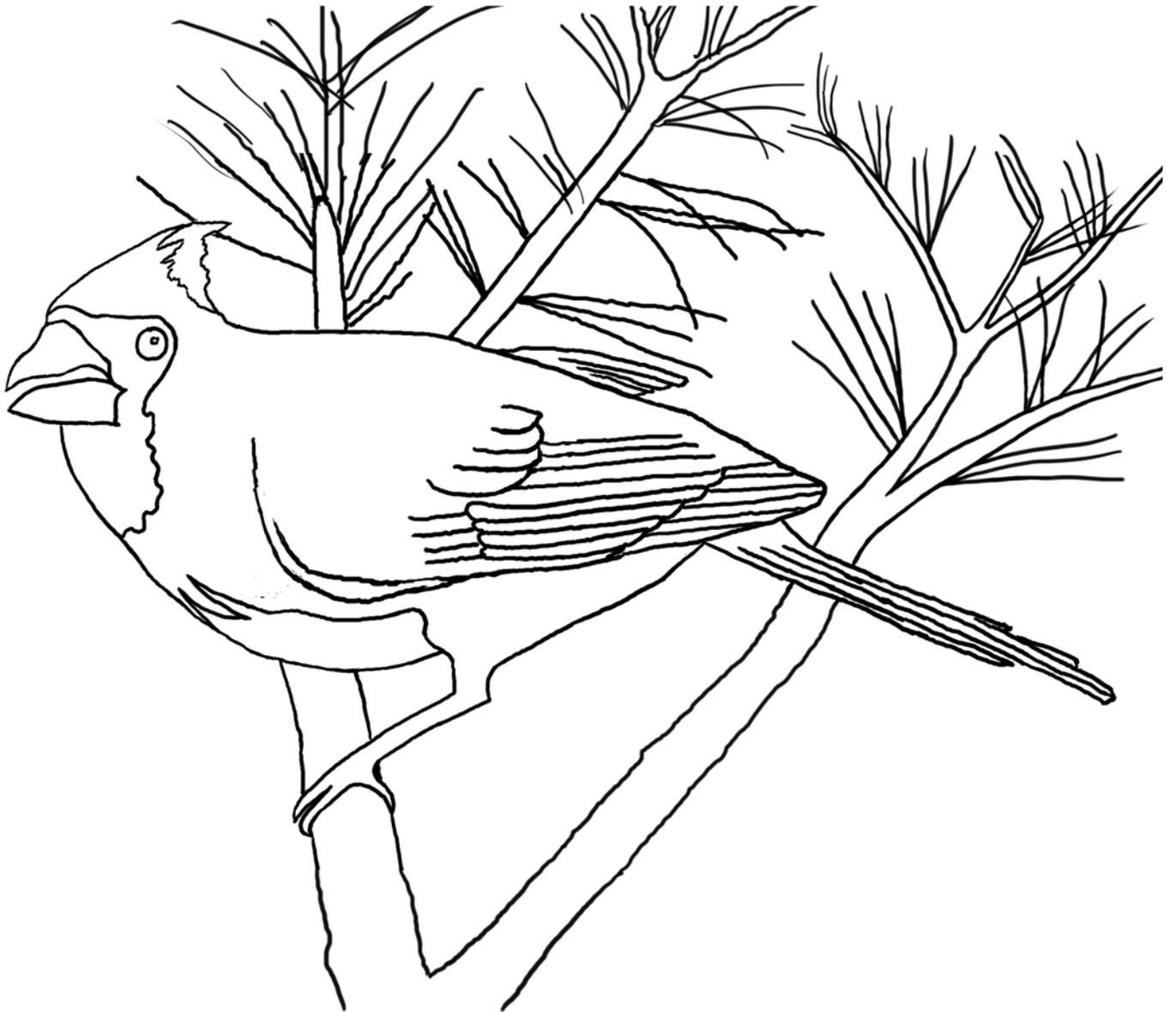


State Bird

The Cardinal



The cardinal has been the state bird of West Virginia since 1949. The familiar male bird is a rich red with a black mask. The female is less brilliantly colored to protect her young. Cardinals can be found from New York State to the Gulf of Mexico and as far west as Oklahoma.