

## National animals

The BEAR is wise, strong, and independent. His awakening in spring is a symbol of a new life cycle.



The STORK is a symbol of parental love, family and patriotism. Stork's nests, built on rooftops of the houses, are thought to bring fortune and happiness to the household.



## National plants

SUNFLOWER is the national flower. It symbolises the warmth and power of the sun and wellbeing. Painted sunflowers are very popular in folk art.



The KALYNA is the national tree. It is a symbol of life, blood and fire. The leaves and red berries are used to decorate wedding breads.

