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The Kansas Sunflower

Suffrage activists Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony adopted the Kansas state flower, the sunflower, as a symbol of the suffrage cause. Soon, gold pins, ribbons, and sashes, as well as yellow roses, became symbols of the cause. After Kansas suffragists adopted the state symbol of the sunflower for a campaign in 1867, yellow became the symbolic color of the national women's suffrage movement. Supporters were urged to "show your colors" by wearing yellow ribbons, buttons, and sashes.