

# Russia's Weird and Splendid Regional Flags and Coats of Arms

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Khoroshevo-Mnevniki, Moscow region [Vector-images.com](#)

Russia is the largest country on earth — and as a result, its regions and cities are incredibly diverse and unique.

There's no better place to see this diversity than on their flags. Many are beautiful, some are weird, and others just ridiculous.

Over the weekend, Moscow [marked](#) its national Flag Day festivities by unfurling a banner of 2,000 regional and city flags. The banner measuring 2,500 square meters, earning a spot in the Book of Russian Records.

Here are some of our favorite flags from across the country:

## **Perm region**

Do you have some time to talk about the Bible?

The bear is the most famous symbol of Russia, but this one on the Perm region flag is special. Where else can you see such a happy animal carrying the gospel on its back?

### **Khoroshevo-Mnevnik, Moscow region**

Though the beaver on this district's flag symbolizes Serebryany Bor, a popular resting place for Muscovites where these animals were once found, this giant beaver looks more like a cartoon character.

### **Taldom, Moscow region**

Historically, Taldom is known for being a city of shoemakers. Apparently, the birds there love a good shoe as well.

### **Orenburg, Orenburg region**

This two-headed eagle looks like they're going through a tough time. But according to the image's creators, the eagle is actually coming out of the water, not drowning in it.

### **Norilsk, Krasnoyarsk region**

Was giving the key of the north to this polar predator the right decision? With great power comes great responsibility, after all.

### **Pskov region**

Maybe this is Russia's version of Michelangelo's "The Creation of Adam." Maybe it's a visual representation of a divine hand guiding us along the passage of life. Maybe there's no meaning at all.

### **Sterlitamak, republic of Bashkortostan**

One silver goose is good, but three is even better.

### **Kazan, republic of Tatarstan**

Everybody make way for the king of dragons...and chickens.

### **Khabarovsk region**

Even the strongest and most dangerous creatures want a golden fish to make their dreams come true.

### **Novosibirsk region**

These two don't want to share.

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