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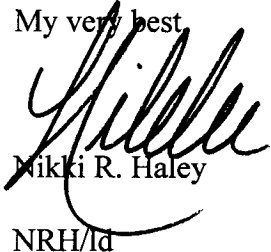
Dear Vanessa,

Thank you for writing. I love to hear from students and appreciate your interest in South Carolina! From the mountains to the Lowcountry, there are countless opportunities to learn about history, participate in a variety of outdoor activities, enjoy delicious food, and meet some of the friendliest people in the nation.

Did you know our state flower is the Yellow Jessamine? Indigenous to every part of the state, it is a climbing woody vine with evergreen leaves and blooms small, yellow, tubular, fragrant clusters. Our state bird is the Carolina Wren, which is also found all over South Carolina. It is a small bird with a reddish-brown body, black tail, and a conspicuous white stripe over the eyes. The song of the wren sounds like "*tea-ket-tle, tea-ket-tle, tea-ket-tle*" and may be heard year-round, day and night, and in all kinds of weather. You can learn more about South Carolina at www.sciway.net, www.scstatehouse.gov, and www.discoverouthcarolina.com.

Thanks again for your letter. Keep up the good work, and I hope you will have a chance to visit again soon, too! God bless.

My very best


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