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ABOUT THIS DECK

Pathfinders is a unique deck that celebrates the animal kingdom. Animals have come to mean a lot in the lives of humans. We use their names everyday for things like cars and sports team mascots. Animals have become symbols we look to for powerful attributes. These Totems have the ability to enhance our lives.

This deck takes a look at several dozen animals all over the Earth, great and small, and their unique, special qualities that we can call on to further explore ourselves. Using this deck, you can find ways to enrich your daily life as well as to learn more about the animals portrayed.

This deck is comprised of the multiple talents of many artists. Each card meaning is detailed for you in this Pathfinders booklet. Limited to 1,000 numbered decks worldwide, this is one set of cards that is not only a beauty to look at, and a collectors item, but is also useful to you as well.

Using this deck, you can find ways to enrich your daily life as well as to learn more about the animals portrayed. Whether pulling a card to see what influences your current path, or performing more intricate card spreads, these totems can give you insight on you questions and yourself.

82. Wolverine Artist: Tamen

The wolverine, the largest mustelid on land, is notorious for its strength, ferocity and endurance. But more importantly, it is intuitively aware of its own personal power, which enables it to make the most of its potential. Wolverine tells us to examine our lives and abandon the things that stand in the way of using our own personal power to reach our goals.

Influence: Strength, Ferocity, Endurance, Insight, Determination

83. Sabertooth Cat Artist: Balaa

Sabertooth cats of varied species have existed for as far back as almost 34 million years ago to as recently as 9,000 years ago, when our own ancestors walked the earth. For this reason, man has a close link to these now extinct animals. They symbolize humility before the natural world, primal fear and a remembrance of a time man was the hunted and not only the hunter.

Influence: Power, Mystery, Humility



1. Walrus/Seal Artist: Akeyla

Walrus and Seal can put you on the path to creativity. They live above and beneath the water, enabling them to experience both the inner and outer worlds. They teach us how to integrate our imagination with the reasoning power of intellect. Doing this promotes balance and harmony on all levels.

Influence: Imagination, Creativity, Dreaming

2. Platypus Artist: Ashalind

The Platypus is a water totem and can be associated with the subconscious and the mysterious. Platypi are investigative and curious. During mating, the platypi grab each other's tails and swim in a circle. This is a symbol of wholeness and people with this totem have strong life lessons associated with completion.

Influence: Subconscious, Investigation, Curiosity, Unity

3. Sphinx Artist: Ashalind

The Sphinx is a totem of cunning and strength, making it an ideal guardian. Sphinxes are often quite protective of themselves and others. They make good secret keepers with their talents at mystery, obfuscation, and riddles. The Sphinx has taken many forms in different cultures, which suggests that they're very versatile.

Influence: Cunning, Strength, Guardianship, Versatility

4. Dolphin Artist: Atolm

Dolphins are regarded as one of Earth's most intelligent animals. They are also strongly connected with family and community. They will stay with and help the injured or ill. This altruistic behavior is not limited to only their species. The Dolphin is a perfect totem guide for journeys.

Influence: Intelligence, Family, Community, Compassion, a Journey

5. Minotaur Artist: Atolm

Minotaur is a totem that symbolizes power, fertility and the divine. Priests from ages past would don a bull's head to signify their status and their effort to become closer to their Gods. Half man, half beasts, Minotaurs live a brutish and bloody existence. As a totem, the Minotaurs' strength and power can be a valuable asset, or lead all to ruin.

Influence: Power, Fertility, Divine, Brutality, Anger

6. Dog Artist: Autumn-Sunrise

The Dog is a domesticated relative of the wolf. They represent companionship, love, selflessness, and loyalty. It's hard to remember a time when dogs were not at the side of man. They have seen us through good times, licked our tears through sad times, and defended us through bad times. As a totem, Dog teaches unconditional love, but beware an unbalanced lack of 'self' and personal worth.

Influence: Companionship, Love, Selflessness, Loyalty

79. Spider Artist: Tamen

Considered disagreeable by many, the spider is actually a very powerful totem featured in many creation myths. They are small, delicate creatures capable of creating amazingly strong webs of ingenious design to provide them with both food and shelter, thus instructing us in innovation and functionality and the balance therein as in all things.

Influence: Creativity, Talent, Balance, Potential

80. Leopard Artist: S. M. Bittler "Synnabar"

The leopard is a notoriously solitary animal; it urges us to be independent and to be comfortable with ourselves. Regular exercise such as tai chi or any type of dance can help develop leopard-like strength, grace and makes us feel at home in our physical bodies. Jumping on its prey from behind, Leopard warns us when we have problems meeting challenges head-on or need to pursue our goals more aggressively.

Influence: Independence, Confidence, Perseverance, Dexterity

81. Okapi Artist: TaniDaReal

Also known as the "forest giraffe" the okapi is a shy and solitary creature which wasn't discovered by modern western society until the early 1900's. Related to Giraffe, totem of wisdom, Okapi teaches us to open our minds, listen in silence, resist the urge to react and to comprehend the current and future reality.

Influence: Silence, Perception, Truth, Clairvoyance, Individuality

76. Satyr Artist: Ultraviolet

Satyrs embody the magical, uncontrollable forces of the natural world - a wild, untamable force. Satyr has the confidence to reject, and even rebel, against established society and aggressively pursues pleasure. As a totem the Satyr urges you to disregard the disapproval of others and revel in the joys of life.

Influence: Celebration, Sexuality, Defiance, Exuberance

77. Scarab Artist: Thaily

The "cheper" (to come into being), was believed to roll the sun through the sky. This belief was inspired by the dung beetles' habit of rolling balls of dung to the place where they are buried as sustenance for its young, which then emerge from the earth, leading people to believe that scarabs spontaneously sprung forth from dirt, signifying renewal and defiance of death. As such, they announce endings and new beginnings.

Influence: Renewal, Rebirth, Resurrection, Immortality, Creation

78. Thylacine Artist: S. M. Bittler "Synnabar"

A carnivorous marsupial, the thylacine's existence is shrouded in mystery. Although officially declared extinct, there have been many reports of sightings. As such, the Thylacine totem exists between worlds; it is present everywhere and nowhere, in the past, present and future. It tells us to accept the unknown and how to manage our knowledge.

Influence: Knowledge, Omni-Prevalence, Secrecy, Acceptance

7. Squirrel Artist: Autumn-Sunrise

Squirrels are very clever and persistent mammals. There are few puzzles or problems that withstand a determined squirrel. They are well known for their survivability due to their habit of stockpiling resources to weather the harshest months of the year. As a totem they can help with plans, and attention to details.

Influence: Cleverness, Persistence, Foresight, Attentiveness

8. Anteater Artist: Bloodhound Omega

Insectivores, especially anteaters, represent curiosity and nosiness. They have the ability to sniff out and find lost things. They are also lethargic and egotistical, unwilling to bow to the rules of a community. They are mostly solitary and shy creatures that are hard to observe.

Influence: Curiosity, Nosiness, Lethargy, Egotism

9. Rabbit/Hare Artist: Bloodhound Omega

Hares and rabbits are small herbivores found in almost all areas of the world. Rabbits are, in general, very social creatures, living in subterranean colonies. Rabbits are often associated with fertility, luck and trickery. Unlike their cousins, hares are usually solitary and don't live underground. They represent speed, energy and passion as well as independence and intelligence.

Influence: Fertility, Luck, Trickery, Speed

10. Lion Artist: Dark Natasha

Lions throughout the ages have been depicted as noble, brave, and strong. Lions are perhaps the most social of the big cats, living in tight-knit family prides and working together as a team. The Lion totem encourages you to examine your own role in the group, understanding that one's well being is based on being able to live and work in harmony with others, without sacrificing one's individuality.

Influence: Achievement, Leadership, Teamwork, Strength, Nobility

11. Raccoon Artist: Dark Natasha

Following Raccoon can lead to new and exciting adventures. His dexterous, human-like hands skillfully grasp objects and accomplish feats few other animals can. Raccoon encourages exploration and awareness of the possibilities around you. What you don't have in strength can be made up in cunning and skill. Hone your abilities; take advantage of your inherent talents; you can do anything if you are willing to learn how.

Influence: Curiosity, Intuition, Awareness, Skill

12. Rodent Artist: Davuu

Tiny Mouse teaches us to be cautious in life and not to be wasteful, whereas Rat teaches us to be both social and resourceful. Shrew is thought to symbolize a person's dark side, yet also a strong determination to succeed. Bilby is said to symbolize desperation; appearing as an omen at a moment of crisis. These life truths can be learned from the totem Rodent; a totem of persistence and survival.

Influence: Persistence, Caution, Resourceful, Success

73. Porcupine Artist: Thaily

Porcupines have a sense of wonder and can enjoy life despite its setbacks, but be wary of harassing them; assailants risk getting severely stung by the barbed quills that cover most of their bodies. The Porcupine cautions you to use your barbs sparingly or warns you not to let someone else's barb continue to bother you. Don't be too sensitive or allow others to ruin your enjoyment of life.

Influence: Innocence, Protection, Wonder, Incorruptibility

74. Panda Artist: Wolfsjäl

As a large carnivore, the giant panda has to consume mass quantities of bamboo to receive enough nourishment. Manipulating the bamboo with a special thumb, the giant panda exemplifies willpower and warns against digestive tract problems. Both the giant panda and the red panda have distinct, contrasting mask markings in their fur, reminding us to think about ways in which we might be using masks in our own lives.

Influence: Willpower, Polarity, Misrepresentation

75. Rhino Artist: Wolfsjäl

They are an ancient creature, and have not evolved much since prehistoric times. Rhinoceros can help us to learn how to bring a project or idea to fruition after careful consideration and remind us that sometimes we must wait a long time to see results. The rhino is also associated with strength - particularly inner strength - and teaches us that we can learn to discriminate even when things are not as they appear to be.

Influence: Inner and Ancient Wisdom, Durability, Patience

70. Giraffe Artist: Kayla "xainy" Dierman

The Giraffe can see clearly in all directions, representing the ability to learn from our past as well as see into our futures. Giraffes rarely vocalize, appreciating the silence as well as conversation. They are careful what they say and to whom. Their hooves firmly on the ground and their heads in the clouds, this totem warns us to keep our eyes on the road ahead and never become complacent.

Influence: Far-sightedness, Intuition, Meditation, Centeredness

71. Zebra/Wildass/Donkey Artist: Tamen

As herd animals, these equines do exceptionally well in large communities and often find themselves in servitude to the greater good; counseling and protecting those around them. They can teach us diplomacy and cooperation. Despite being herd animals, they are able to retain their individuality and enjoy challenges that will help them grow.

Influence: Community, Servitude, Individuality, Diplomacy

72. Jaguar Artist: Xian Jaguar

The Tucano Indians of the Amazon said that the roar of the jaguar was the roar of thunder. Additionally, it has a vocabulary of snarls and grunts that indicate its command of language. Jaguar people should guard against using their skill to tear others down, as they tend to do, and use the graceful Jaguar's steadfastness instead to develop their communicative skills.

Influence: Communication, Steadfastness, Flexibility

13. Fish Artist: Diana H. Stein

One of the oldest water totems, the Fish represent life at its source. Fish can guide you into the undercurrent issues over which your outlook and life are shaping. Our lives are linked to strong urges and motivations that are pushing us in new directions. Learning when to go with the flow and when to fight the current; that is what life is all about.

Influence: Feelings, Motivations, Subconscious, Change

14. Seahorses Artist: Diana H. Stein

A totem of luck, the Seahorse has few natural predators despite not being the fastest or the strongest. Seahorse teaches to revel in individuality, and take life at a slower pace. Seahorses have represented the magical and ethereal over the centuries. This totem also represents paternal elements.

Influence: Distinctiveness, Ethereality, Luck, Fatherhood

15. Dragonfly Artist: Ellen Million

Dragonfly lives its life in both water and air; a sign of courage in the east, and an omen of deceit in the west. Dragonfly is a reminder not to judge too quickly those you meet. As a totem, Dragonfly can help in seeing persons and events from a different angle. A different perspective is invaluable in overcoming misunderstandings.

Influence: Agility, Balance, Clarity, Truth

16. Turtle Artist: Ellen Million

Although many turtles are found underwater, all turtles and tortoises breathe air and can live on land. Very much a symbol of both the earth and water, they provide dual guidance. Turtle teaches practicality and inner harmony. Take your time, before you dive in, to make sure you have your wits about you.

Influence: Temperance, Fertility, Harmony

17. Bee Artist: Felix Eddy

There is no such thing as one bee. Only a hive can survive and is a single organization which contains thousands of parts. Industrious, stubbornly brave in the face of danger and centered on community, Bees are a symbol of connectivity and tenacity in the face of adversity.

Influence: Loyalty, Community, Tenacity, Orderliness

18. Centaur Artist: Felix Eddy

The first Centaur lived and died bringing enlightenment to the human race. As a totem, Centaur asks his pupils to think. Open your mind and heart to knowledge and wisdom. Centaur also encourages pupils to pursue the fulfillment of becoming 'the teacher.'

Influence: Enlightenment, Freedom, Teaching, Understanding

67. Dingo Artist: Tamen

The Dingo totem is directly related to the Dog totem, so closely that it's uncertain whether the dingo is considered domestic or not. They exist both as wild animals and as loyal pets, hence their significance as a duality totem. They hunt and are hunted, they threaten indigenous Australian animals with extinction and are threatened by it, they remind us to live in the moment and invite you to come play with them.

Influence: Duality, Contrast, Happiness, Playfulness

68. Bat Artist: UltraViolet

As the only mammal capable of flight, the bat embodies transition. When one flies into your life, it heralds the end of an old way of life and the beginning of a new way. Bat is telling you to abandon something which is obstructing your growth and to face your future without fear. Things will change for the better and opportunities await you.

Influence: Transition, Change, Opportunities, Improvement

69. Frog Artist: Xian Jaguar

The Frog is the totem of water, which is the element of emotion. Frog promotes both physical cleansing and spiritual cleansing, encouraging us to release negative energy such as anger or sadness by allowing ourselves to cry. By cleansing ourselves and our surroundings, we prepare ourselves to transform into who we are supposed to be.

Influence: Transformation, Cleansing, Catharsis, Growth

64. Gryphon Artist: Tyreenya

Traditionally, the gryphon is the guardian of knowledge, only sharing it with the courageous and selfless. With its eagle eyes, it is very observant and a great judge of character. It fiercely protects that which is worth guarding; Gryphon sets clear boundaries and enforces them. This totem dictates you discern the worthy from worthless and to keep your loved ones safe.

Influence: Guardianship, Perceptiveness, Vehemence, Sophistication

65. Hawk Artist: Tyreenya

The powerful hawk is the messenger of the spirit world; it tells us what we need to know for our spiritual growth. It is very persistent in doing so, chasing us down as prey; we cannot escape our fate. When Hawk enters your life, it's time to stop and listen, be critical and rid yourself of delusions to reveal your inner truth, but don't cloud your vision with over-analysis.

Influence: Messenger, Illumination, Persistence, Integrity

66. Kangaroo Artist: Kayla "xainy" Dierman

The Kangaroo represents the ability to move ahead without hesitation. Kangaroos follow their instincts and move fast. Their large feet help to propel them over any obstacles they may encounter. We can learn from this animal to move forward, not backward, keeping our eyes on the future and dashing past anything that threatens to stand in the way of our dreams.

Influence: Progress, Focus, Elusiveness, Swiftess

19. Owl Artist: Foxfeather

Known as a symbol of knowledge, wisdom, and as omens of ill fortune, the owl seeks us out when we need to open our eyes and study the situation at hand. As a totem, Owl offers paths of knowledge and wisdom. He teaches how to see where you have never seen before.

Influence: Wisdom, Knowledge, Omen, Spiritual Awakening

20. Phoenix Artist: Foxfeather

The Phoenix is commonly recognized as the symbol for the cycles of life. Born from destruction, living as a force of nature, only to die and be reborn from its own ashes. Phoenix is a master of physical and spiritual forces that lead to re-creation. As a totem, Phoenix teaches us to look at failures as lessons learned. Out of even the worst circumstances there is a chance of rising from the ashes.

Influence: Life, Re-creation, Spirituality, Destruction

21. Deer Artist: Gray Wolf

Heralds of nature, the totem of Deer represents gentleness and peace. The antlers of a deer connect it to higher forms of attainment. Deer encourages empathy and commune with the natural elements. Treat others kindly and with an open heart.

Influence: Nature, Gentleness, Sensitivity, Peace

22. Crow Artist: Gray Wolf

Crows have acted as messengers throughout the ages. They have a strong spiritual connection and abide by the sacred laws. This totem can lead you to spiritual awakening. Crow encourages a higher understanding of self and an awareness of the 'laws' of your existence.

Influence: Intellect, Messenger, Lawfulness, Magic

23. Skunk Artist: Gray Wolf

Skunks have one of the best known repellent odors in the world. Because of its reputation, Skunk symbolizes confidence. Attracting the right kind of people and repelling those that hinder you is the valuable lesson of this totem. Skunk warns against pushing too many things or people aside to get to your goals.

Influence: Confidence, Repulsion, Defense

24. Ferret Artist: Gray Wolf

A totem of observation, Ferret can help in any quest for information. Ferret teaches us to tackle each task as if it were a game. Dour seriousness isn't always the best way to get your most enthusiastic heart-felt effort. Ferret also encourages curiosity. Whether it gets you into trouble or assists in finding something amazing, you're sure to have an adventure.

Influence: Enthusiasm, Playfulness, Observation, Curiosity

61. Puffin Artist: Kitsumi

Puffins, sometimes called the clowns of the sea, are incredibly agile creatures underwater. However, out of the water they're extremely cumbersome. Those with this totem animal tend to have a strong connection with the sea and feel unbalanced when distant from it. Puffins tend to get into hopeless scuffles; foresight and thinking before acting are vital skills that those with the puffin totem must work on in order to avoid embarrassing and fruitless situations.

Influence: Impulsiveness, Fidelity, Boldness

62. Dragon Artist: Nara

Appearing in an endless amount of variations all across the world, the dragon most commonly represents power, vitality and wealth. It is an immortal, supernatural and primordial power that taps into all elements. As a totem, the Dragon helps you uncover hidden riches, both physical and spiritual, but be wary of its inclination towards arrogance and irritability.

Influence: Vitality, Abundance, Might, Arrogance, Majesty

63. Opossum Artist: Xian Jaguar

Best known for its ability to play dead, the opossum is a clever actor who can even slow his breathing and heartbeat in order to avoid confrontation and danger. It is a practical totem that teaches us ingenuity and how to use our brain rather than brawn to keep us safe. It also warns us about keeping up false appearances; when it is unnecessary it can be detrimental to our physical and emotional health.

Influence: Practicality, Deceptiveness, Strategy, Appearances

58. Primate Artist: Atolm

Primates are very similar to people and as such can act as a mirror to reflect our own actions on. Like humans they live in groups and remind us to take care of those around us. As problem solvers, apes rely on tools to reach their goal, but do not let the tools become their goal. Adaptable and intelligent, they remain true to their nature.

Influence: Intelligence, Adaptability, Sociality, Genuineness

59. Hyena Artist: Foxfeather

The hierarchy in the hyena pack is very strict, even the lowest ranking female dominates the highest ranking male. However, the females are very masculine in appearance, blurring the lines between genders. Regardless of gender, the Hyena totem is one of strong family bonds, either existing ones one can fall back onto, or ones that have been damaged by the hyena's tendency towards insolence.

Influence: Family, Hierarchy, Discipline, Insolence

60. Kitsune Artist: Kitsumi

Kitsune have a complex personality and, though they typically appear in stories as evil creatures, they are neither good nor evil. They have a strong set of personal ethics, and will either help or become malicious towards others accordingly. Like their earthly cousin, the fox, the long-lived kitsune are cunning, devious and playful, using their illusionary magic to play tricks on unsuspecting people.

Influence: Cleverness, Mischievousness, Illusoriness

25. Boar Artist: Gray Wolf

The boar is an animal of a fearless nature. A totem of strength, Boar teaches courage and determination. Prosperity itself can be achieved by these. Boar also has strong ties to healing and can help you root out infection. Be warned, where Boar leads you should follow. Boar is not kind to those that cross him.

Influence: Prosperity, Strength, Fearlessness, Healing

26. Horse Artist: Heather Bruton

Horse is a symbol of power, freedom, and community. Horse is a master of social etiquette and charm. This totem encourages one to revel in moments of joy daily. Freedom can be found in even these little measures of time. Such respites will also help rejuvenate you as you travel down the road of life.

Influence: Charisma, Freedom, Stamina, Intuition

27. Wild Dog Artist: Heather Bruton

African Wild Dogs are the most successful hunters in the continent. Working as a team, communicating directives, they bring down 75% of their prey. Strongly tied to their families, everything is shared. This totem teaches us just how powerful teamwork can be. Individuals in the group receive more successful returns than if they work alone. It also teaches to value your friends and family above all else.

Influence: Teamwork, Success, Family, Sharing

28. Hippopotamus Artist: Howling Horse

Quiet and sedentary but quick to anger, hippos are Africa's most dangerous animal. They travel between land and water, each day living an eternally dual life. Land and water, night and day, Hippos are a living example of a changing nature.

Influence: Aggression, Willfulness, Adaptability

29. Quagga Artist: Howling Horse

The quagga were extinct before much was really known about them. Only one quagga in all of history was photographed and only 23 deceased specimens exist today. As a totem, the Quagga represents the lost and forgotten. Nothing lasts forever, so reach out while you can.

Influence: Missed Opportunity, Loss, Thoughtlessness

30. Wolf Artist: Khaosdog

Wolf is revered as the teacher of intuition and spirituality. They guide us down unknown other worldly roads. The totem Wolf encourages confidence in personal decisions. Though community is important, there is no reason to lose your sense of freedom to friends and family.

Influence: Pathfinder, Freedom, Camaraderie, Decisiveness

55. Tiger Artist: Stephanie Lynn

The tiger is the embodiment of energy; both sexual and otherwise. They are sensual but solitary creatures whose every movement is brimming with barely suppressed fire and passion. The Tiger heralds upcoming adventures and warns against appearing too insensitive and aloof. People would do well to avoid provoking the tiger; although this is difficult, angry tigers are a force to be reckoned with.

Influence: Passion, Fire, Energy, Forcefulness

56. Duck Artist: Swandog

Irrevocably drawn to water, the Duck totem indicates a fixation with that which water represents; life and emotions. Duck people might be tempted to seek solace with others when true emotional strength comes from within. Though their insecurity can make relationships short and turbulent, their solid colors indicate strength and perseverance.

Influence: Emotion, Turbulence, Insecurity, Intensity

57. Swan Artist: Swandog

Revered by many cultures the world over the Swan is the totem of beauty and teaches us to recognize both outer and inner beauty, in others and ourselves. Only when we learn to appreciate ourselves can we accept the healing that this graceful, otherworldly messenger offers us. People of the Swan totem are emotionally sensitive and empathic.

Influence: Beauty, Grace, Healing, Sensitivity

52. Gazelle Artist: Shinigamigirl

Gazelles and Impala are very athletic animals, the Pronghorn being second in speed only to the cheetah among land animals. They have strong survival skills characterized by their swiftness and ability to sprint and maneuver around obstacles. Beautiful and agile, they seem to keep their heads up even amongst the worst of troubles.

Influence: Agility, Speed, Resilience

53. Butterfly Artist: Stephanie Lynn

Like butterflies, people with the Butterfly totem are often off to an awkward start but can bring matters to a successful conclusion provided they can accept and even rejoice in change; all change is necessary and good even if it can be intimidating at first. The butterfly comes to the hurt and ill to ask them to allow joy into their lives.

Influence: Metamorphosis, Persistence, Joy, Harmony

54. Cougar Artist: Stephanie Lynn

It takes strength to be gentle and the Cougar teaches us gentle leadership by providing the good example for others to follow voluntarily. The totem also warns us that good examples are often also targeted by those of lesser character, but the Cougar only appears to those who have already proven themselves capable of dealing with these difficulties.

Influence: Leadership, Gentleness, Honesty, Fortitude

31. Snake Artist: Khaosdog

The totem Snake has symbolized immortality and life for centuries. Snake teaches you to shed the old habits and worries that will hinder you. Only then, can one see past, present and future with unclouded eyes. This totem also warns of getting too wrapped up in one's business. Though binding things can be good in the right circumstances, one can also be trapped as a result.

Influence: Immortality, Creation, Intelligence, Limitations

32. Werewolf Artist: Khaosdog

Werewolf is one of the oldest symbols of man 'tapping' into the primal. There is much knowledge to be found at that level of life. Losing all control if you delve too far is a real, and feared, danger. Be careful not to lose yourself to the beast. If successful, spiritual transformation and deeper understanding are your rewards.

Influence: Primality, Transformation, Knowledge, Instability

33. Cockroach Artist: Laken Steeljaw

Cleverly adapted to life just about anywhere, the cockroach has managed to persevere where no others can go. Scavengers, they survive off of scraps that others leave behind, making use of what's available to them. Cockroaches hide in the cracks of walls, under the furniture, always watching, listening and gathering data. As a totem, Cockroach teaches to look around you; even something that appears to be worthless may help you out. On the flip side, make sure you don't 'bug' people while attempting to put out your feelers to gather information. A large part of survival is knowing when to scurry off when the lights come on.

Influence: Adaptation, Survival, Observation, Cleverness

34. Parrot Artist: Laken Steeljaw

Parrots were almost universally considered 'birds of the sun' by South and Central American native cultures. Due to their ability to 'talk' and mimic human speech, they were considered the link between the human and animal worlds. As a totem, Parrot teaches that communication is important. Think well about your words and how others will interpret their meanings.

Influence: Communication, Diplomacy, Negotiation

35. Shark Artist: Laken Steeljaw

Sharks are modern relics of a distant past. They're highly efficient predators who have adapted to almost every ocean environment, and even some freshwater habitats. While western culture has made the shark out as a monster, many pacific cultures revered the shark as reincarnated ancestors. Shark, as a totem, is a powerful guide; full of ancient wisdom. They have amazing stamina, keen senses, and streamlined pursuit of their goals. Be wary of getting too aggressive in your ambition, or you're liable to 'bite' an ally.

Influence: Guidance, Stamina, Keen Senses, Travel

36. Vulture Artist: Laken Steeljaw

The vulture is a necessary creature that performs an invaluable service by removing dead animals before they can rot and foster illness. Vulture, as a totem, is representative of death and rebirth, new beginnings and wisdom, and purification. They're tough and able to survive on things others can't stomach. Don't be afraid of change, it's a natural part of life.

Influence: Purification, Death, Change, Reuse

49. Domestic Cat Artist: Sandra Bong

Cats have always been considered supernatural creations by many civilizations across the world. They were both feared and worshipped for their unpredictability, stealthy ways and their ability to navigate the darkness with bright glowing eyes. Cats are notoriously independent creatures and can go from purring contently in someone's lap to pouncing their prey as vicious hunters in the blink of an eye.

Influence: Autonomous, Unpredictable, Nocturnal, Supernatural

50. Lemur Artist: Sandra Bong

Lemurs live in large social groups of extended family ruled by the females. The word lemur is from the Latin 'lemurs' meaning 'spirits of the night' or 'ghosts.' Lemurs were most likely named thus from the chilling calls they, especially the Indri lemur, make. The first visitors to the lemurs' island home thought spirits of the dead roamed the forests. Lemurs are sometimes thought to convey messages from beyond about the future.

Influence: Matriarchal, Gregarious, Harbinger

51. Unicorn Artist: Shinigamigirl

Unicorns are symbols of purity, virginity and innocence; their horns said to have healing powers. Their Pegasus cousins are symbolic of strength and the ability to protect others. They have the gift of flight, are able to soar over obstacles in their way. The Kirin is a bringer of harmony and honesty. Legends say they can speak the human language, and are very empathic and understanding, they can clearly see others' intentions. This trinity is comprised of protectors and bringers of harmony.

Influence: Purity, Harmony, Safety, Perceptiveness

46. Ant Artist: Pipkin

Ants are the epitome of selfless toilers who live and die for the good of the colony. Even the queen is subjugated to a life-time of laying eggs, forming an unending circle of servitude. While they don't ask us to give up our lives or identities, Ant urges us to see and work for the bigger picture; to forego selfish desires in favor of the common good.

Influence: Sociality, Order, Selflessness, Dedication

47. Crane Artist: Moonfeather

Referred to as "Echo-maker" by the Native Americans, the Crane is one of the most vocal totems. It is eager to convey its teachings of the vocal arts; singing, chanting or just speaking. The Crane enlightens us on how to use our voice to make a positive, lasting impression on others as we conduct ourselves and speak with integrity and honor.

Influence: Expressiveness, Conviction, Sincerity, Honor

48. Cheetah Artist: Moonfeather

Widely known as the world's fastest land mammal, Cheetah's message is to stop procrastinating, stop thinking about what you need to do, stop doubting yourself and follow through with your plans. Persevere even if you have to struggle. The cheetah will lend you its focus and flexibility if you ask for them.

Influence: Concentration, Alacrity, Flexibility, Resolve

37. Eagle Artist: Maggock

The Eagle totem will show you opportunities and how to ride the changing winds to your benefit. Eagle teaches to push yourself to find greater heights. As a direct link between earth and sky, Eagle represents the divine in balance. All is attainable if you can tap into your strength and find the courage to fly.

Influence: Strength, Divinity, Vision, Balance, Courage

38. Hummingbird Artist: Maggock

Hummingbirds live to find the sweetness in life. Finding beauty and love, even in the small things, will bring fulfillment and joy into your life. This totem also teaches endurance in carrying out your daily tasks and enough confidence in your direction that you cannot be persuaded to change your route.

Influence: Happiness, Love, Tirelessness, Receptivity

39. Koala Artist: Maggock

The koala spends as much time awake as it does in dreams. Koala is a master of deep relaxation and centered meditation. This totem can be a guide in the astral planes, helping you find hidden meanings in dreams and spiritual signs. Koala can also bring fulfillment in isolation.

Influence: Meditation, Solitariness, Divination, Dream Interpretation

40. Lynx Artist: Maui Dolphin

The lynx is a rare beast to see in its natural habitat. They trek huge territories and are extremely solitary in nature. They've been depicted, not as guardians of secrets, so much as the ones who know them all. The Lynx totem is therefore associated with divination and clairvoyance. Secrets can be hard to find and even harder to understand. Only by listening carefully may one find the answers they are searching for.

Influence: Divination, Clairvoyance, Secrets, Understanding

41. Penguin Artist: Darci Gibson

The Penguin represents opposites in perfect harmony. No other animal can be regal and clownish; graceful and clumsy; duty-bound and careless; they are warm in the coldest environments; fly through water; and waddle miles away from their comfortable lives in the sea to raise the next generation on land.

Influence: Balance, Patience, Walking Between Worlds, Teamwork, Family

42. Whale Artist: Darci Gibson

Most cultures associate some level of divinity with the whales. The meaning of looking at the real whale, the relic, is to see not only dreams of the past but also the hopes for the future. These gentle giants symbolize some relief to our urban worries about the deteriorating state of the natural world. They are proof that nature, life, and the world goes on.

Influence: Wisdom, Agelessness, Gentleness, Intuitiveness, Clairaudience, Recorder

43. Fox Artist: Miss Jen

The fox is cunning incarnate. There are few as clever or as willing to use their intelligence for their own gain and amusement. However, Fox people should take care not to let their devious nature get out of hand. A fox requires discretion and relies on its camouflage to hide itself from danger, or to be able to silently observe a situation.

Influence: Cunning, Deviousness, Observation, Camouflage

44. Elephant Artist: Jenny Peers

Their majestic appearance and patient, stately stride make it easy to see why elephants are held in such high regard by so many. With their longevity and kind nature they personify an ancient wisdom and nobility that's hard to ignore. In their family life they are exceptionally caring and loyal, risking themselves to protect loved ones and extensively mourning the passing of even unrelated kin. They instill us with wisdom and love.

Influence: Enlightenment, Unconditional Love, Caring, Dignity

45. Alligator Artist: Nara

The Alligator and other crocodilian totems represent the primal energies as they have existed for millions of years. They embody survival. They are the symbol of creation and destruction and the keepers and protectors of knowledge. When you encounter an alligator, you have a chance to learn some ancient wisdom that will require careful study.

Influence: Primevality, Ancientness, Eruditeness, Survival