Legends From The First Nations

BUTTERFLY

The Butterfly is a symbol of balance and harmony. In Haida stories the Butterfly leads the Raven to food sources and discovers the hiding places of treasure and luck.

This colorful creature is also the symbol of grace and beauty.

DOGFISH

The Dogfish represents leadership.
It is the symbol of persistence and strength. The Dogfish is feared for its fierceness and possesses solitary characters such as bravery and uniqueness.

DOLPHIN

The Dolphin is a symbol of joy, harmony, intelligence and self connection. It is devoted to family and a good protector. The Dolphin stands joyfully for its own truth, while living life to the fullest.

DRAGONFLY

The Dragonfly represents mystery and magic. It symbolizes swiftness, and is mobile, and active. It is a colorful creature which people use to represent dynamism, motion and change. It is also known as the symbol of ever-changing life.

HALIBUT

Symbol of strength and stability. The Halibut is a protector of life and is commonly carved in feast dishes.

The more detailed and elaborate a dish, the more highly ranked the person who owned it.

HAWK

The Hawk is a messenger, and takes its place in the spiritual world of the supernatural. It is a symbol of strength and foresight. The Hawk, with its recurved beak, strongly resembles the Thunderbird.

HERON

The Heron symbolizes patience and strength. It is a graceful, easy-going spirit who is willing to take small progressive strides to reach for longterm goals.

The Heron feather brings inner peace and tranquility.

KINGFISHER

Symbol of luck, patience, speed and agility. The Kingfisher dives and catches fish underwater with its incredible speed. Legend tells that the Kingfisher waited a long time to transform into its perfect figure. It provides you with a strength to step up to the next level.

LOON

The Loon is a symbol of peace, tranquility and grace. It is respected for its loyalty, strength of family, as well as its knowledge of various realms. This melancholic sounding bird was said to have delights in frightening humans on shore or in canoes, as the fog rolled in.

OTTER

The Otter symbolizes loyal and lasting friendship.

A spirit who is trusting, inquisitive and bright.

He is serious about his duties, but light-hearted about life and has the wisdom to place as much importance on work as on play.

SEA SCULPIN

It is commonly depicted and plays the role of a spirit helper. It is also associated with copper and treasure, prestige and wealth. Impressive Sea Sculpin headdresses frequently crown the figures of powerful individuals.

WASCO

Wasco is a sea wolf which appears on Haida legend and has both elements of Whale and Wolf. Wolves who were hunting Whales in the ocean were caught in fog and could not find their way back to shore. They decided to remain at sea, and became Wascos.

