

salmon



The Pacific Northwest Coast people believed that Salmon were actually humans with eternal life who lived in a large house far under the ocean.

Overall	92
Importance	85
Sacredness	100
Intelligence	89
Respect from Native Americans	93

otter



It is said that, in early times, when the Transformer was travelling and he came across a man sharpening a spear with which to kill him. He turned the man into an otter and the spear became its tail.

Overall	85
Importance	70
Sacredness	65
Intelligence	95
Respect from Native Americans	80

owl



The Owl is one of the many birds depicted in Northwest Native design. Often, they are associated with the souls of dead ancestors and are viewed with respect.

Overall	94
Importance	85
Sacredness	94
Intelligence	95
Respect from Native Americans	100

hawk



The Hawk is in the spiritual world of the supernatural. With its curved beak, strongly resembles the Thunderbird another legendary creature in certain North American indigenous peoples' history.

Overall	70
Importance	65
Sacredness	87
Intelligence	75
Respect from Native Americans	80

snake



The snake is an animal revered by many. Its ability to renew itself by changing its skin made it often become a symbol of rebirth.

Overall	78
Importance	75
Sacredness	75
Intelligence	79
Respect from Native Americans	85

wolf



Wolf was revered for his skill as a hunter. To become a good hunter, one must acquire the spirit power associated with Wolf.

Overall	91
Importance	89
Sacredness	70
Intelligence	90
Respect from Native Americans	90

raven



The Raven is an important character. The Raven can be a magician, a transformer and a strong creative force, but always a cultural hero.

Overall	91
Importance	99
Sacredness	76
Intelligence	86
Respect from Native Americans	91

bear



The bear is powerful. A legend shared by many tribes is the story of a chief's daughter taken by a bear; she then married the bear and gave birth to twin cubs. This is often shown in prints and carvings.

Overall	89
Importance	86
Sacredness	79
Intelligence	79
Respect from Native Americans	90

deer



The Deer is a powerful animal. It is a symbol of gentleness, unconditional love and kindness. Native American hunters prayed to the deer to give them a good hunt.

Overall	87
Importance	87
Sacredness	86
Intelligence	79
Respect from Native Americans	89

beaver



An important crest and a creature used a lot on totem poles; the Beaver was once a woman. Legend tells of a woman who dammed a stream so she could swim in it. She was transformed and her leather apron became a Beaver's tail.

Overall	69
Importance	64
Sacredness	63
Intelligence	69
Respect from Native Americans	70

dogFish



Although Dogfish are seen as a great nuisance to fishermen, they are seen as persistent, strong and a born leader.

Overall	69
Importance	60
Sacredness	60
Intelligence	81
Respect from Native Americans	66

Frog



Frog is often linked with great wealth. Legendary Haida princes are said to have attended feasts wearing necklace chains made of living Frogs.

Overall	87
Importance	80
Sacredness	82
Intelligence	84
Respect from Native Americans	90

