

THE WINGED
ENCHANTMENT
ORACLE DECK



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INTRODUCTION

Someone once said to me during a personal crisis, “If you want to fly, let go of everything that weighs you down.” Such simple wisdom comes from the realm of the birds but takes most of us many lifetimes to figure out.

What is the enchantment of the winged ones, after all? Is it their amazing variety or their visual boldness and brilliance? Is it their intrepid mastery of the air and perfect navigation of worlds largely unattainable to the hopelessly earth-bound? It is a fascination spanning the entire history of humankind. Although science has opened up many of the mysteries of their seemingly supernatural ways, the intrigue lingers on like a ghost hovering right above our heads. Birds are the crowning jewels of nature’s best work and flight is our loftiest idea as grounded beings. It keeps us trying to reconcile our own spiritual nature and that of everything around us. It keeps our eyes fixed on the hope of piecing it all together.

The truth remains, however, that we all begin our quest back into soul as a small fledgling like the bird—awkward, stumbling, and rather more partial to the safety of the nest. It seems as if earth life is a challenge tugging at us to find our way back to some great truth we can only vaguely remember. It is like the dream that slips from thought the more we wake up, or the word that sits precariously on the tip of the tongue but which you, as hard as you push your conscious brain, cannot grasp until you simply let go. But not everyone remembers, nor does everyone intend to. Some nestle quite comfortably in the nest their whole lives because it is safer and easier. But others are dragged, often kicking and screaming, back into that dream until they remember. It is a scary road that often leaves the

toughest souls as helpless as an abandoned infant. The way up can be a terrifying and lonely trial, but also an extraordinary adventure to paradise.

Wherever there has been an archetype for such ascension, for such otherworldly escapades, there has intriguingly been a bird to portray it. Whenever a dream is born and lures us onward to distant places, a bird will surely be on the wing. The Winged Enchantment Oracle is about the quest to reawaken an instinct lost that once kept our hearts close with all of life and in sync with the wisdom of all species. The visual mastery of the art will aid you in connecting with birds as more than just earthly companions, but as guides in discovering a surreal vision of a unified existence. Each painting is the blending together of Lisa's lifelong dedication to her art and an unconscious instinct that manifests often spontaneously on the canvas.

The Winged Enchantment Oracle offers a selection of 39 different bird species, which are presented here in alphabetical order. The companion booklet will guide you as you begin to see each bird as a conduit for expansive knowledge and perspective. It was our aim that the images and words would meld into a single expression of each creature's spirit, but what truth is gleaned from this oracle will be unique to each reader. It is for this enduring magnificence in the human psyche and the everlasting quest for meaning that this deck was created. May you find your own way back to your unique dream with The Winged Enchantment Oracle.



THE CARD MEANINGS



1. BLACKBIRD

I am Blackbird, the enchantress of the soul. I am melodious and hypnotic. I am the transporter of the mind from one state to another. I am bringer of omens. I will entrance you with my song and open the portals of spirit. I break through boundaries and remove whatever separates you from eternity. If you have strayed into my woods, something enchanting is afoot. Mystery has tempted you. The magical realms have seduced you. I can align you with the earth and the energy that encircles it. You are hearing the whispers of the ancients and calls of the deep woods. Look beyond everything and see the layers. Listen carefully. Be alert. Let go and embrace the experience.

You are captivating.

You are limitless.

You are ethereal.

You are Blackbird.



2. BLUE JAY

I am Blue Jay, the advantage of a quick wit and intellect. I am the first one heard. I am the brightest one seen. I command attention and dive right in. I fear nothing and I take what I need. I am the crucial adaptation of a successful life. I have the discipline to master new skills. It is fine to learn new things, but dabbling in too many will keep you scattered. I am the need to follow through. I wear the crown of achievement. I am the proper use of knowledge. You may need to be louder to get what you want. You may have to outsmart the others, but do not be afraid to draw attention to yourself. Let the world know you are there and ready to take control. I am incomparable in self-certainty. I am the victory of taking by sheer will. Get out into the world and take what you have worked so hard for.

You are presence.

You are survival.

You are bold ambition.

You are Blue Jay.



3. BLUEBIRD

I am Bluebird, the freedom of inner peace. I am the joy of letting go. I am the serenity of acceptance. I am the flight of the heart when all is at ease. Life is tranquil now, or is bringing in calmer tides. Take a breath. Enjoy the free air. You have earned the comfort of a sweet, well-timed repose. I am the transition into a better world. I am the gratitude of knowing the worst is over. I am life at its finest. We all need to confront the darkness in order to truly see the light. I am your passage of enlightenment and the break from all entanglements. There will always be discomforts and the heavy weight of time, but I am the gift of release and the playfulness of youth. There is something magical in freeing the soul. There is something dignified in spreading your wings.

You are the resurgence of vitality.

You are whimsical.

You are carefree.

You are Bluebird.



4. CHICKADEE

I am Chickadee, the discernment of right action. I am pure thought and fearless truth. I am the resolution to assert myself and express myself. I am undaunted curiosity. Everyone has a plan to fulfill and I am the beacon to help carry it out. Not every destiny is grand. Not everyone can make the headlines. Each of us, though, carries some thing or someone along just by presence. You need to pay attention. You are forgetting your irreplaceable role. I am everywhere because I am curious to see the world play out. I watch to see how things work. I observe and find a way in. I do what my nature insists that I do and savor my unique imprint. It is time to let your actions do the talking and finish what you have started.

You are unyielding.

You are the boldness of inspiration.

You are purpose.

You are Chickadee.

THE BIRD IN FLIGHT SPREAD

This eleven-card spread seeks to trace your spiritual journey and unearths:

- ① The soul's original state, or pure essence.
- ② ③ The soul's motivation for change.
- ④ ⑤ Transformations that have already taken place.
- ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ What areas are undergoing change right now.
- ⑨ ⑩ ⑪ Transformations that are forthcoming.

