

Divine
Feather
M E S S E N G E R

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Introduction

Divine Feather Messenger is inspired by my past and continuing personal experiences with feathers. The magical messages of feathers, the symbolism and connection to the bird kingdom and my great reverence and trust in the angelic realm have all encouraged me to bring these energies forward in an accessible and divinely guided way. This 44-card deck and book set unites the pure healing energies of the angelic realm with the earth-based symbolism of the bird kingdom. Each of the feather images chosen for this collection have been blessed and charged with the intention of messaging and healing for the user.

Many of us are familiar with the idea of “finding feathers” as an omen or sign of messaging. Often such an omen is noticed in connection to a world beyond. A beloved soul that has passed, a guardian angel’s loving watch, a confirmation to a question that is on your mind are all times when feathers may be discovered. The bird kingdom, simply by its connection to the element of air and the sky, is the animal kingdom most closely related to the divine realm. Birds are not only seen as messengers of nature, they

also appear as personal guides or totems for many spiritual teachers, masters and saints.

In addition, the bird and its feathers are among the oldest symbols of spirit, magic, and divinity in human culture. You may begin to notice that the appearance of certain birds and feathers in your life coincides perfectly with your readiness to receive their messages. Birds of prey in particular usually show up to invite you to see things from a higher point of view. These birds, which include eagles, hawks, condors and owls, have played special roles in mythology, history and shamanism. In many cultures, the meanings of feathers are associated with ascension and spiritual evolution to a higher plane. Eagle feathers were worn by Native American chiefs on their headdress to act as antennae, and symbolize their communication with Great Spirit. Celtic Druid priests wore robes adorned with feathers to assist their transition to the sky realms from the earth. Ancient Greek, Roman, Egyptian and Hindu gods and goddesses had birds as their symbolic companions and particularly feathers as their ascension tools. All of these traditions naturally blend the idea of the divine uniting with earth through the power of birds and feathers.

Of all of these different associations, the angelic realm is the most natural and reoccurring place for the symbols of feathers. We acknowledge the archangels who work as the angels in service to humanity. We often see angels and white feathers together as natural companions of blessing and healing.

Divine Feather Messenger deck seeks to unite the energies of heaven and earth. This is the natural alignment of universal themes. “As above, so below” is a powerful statement reminding us that we are connected to both realms and are being invited to deepen that connection.

—Alison DeNicola

“Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return.”

—Leonardo da Vinci

Note: The images of the birds and feathers are not shown to scale.

Working with the Divine Feather Messengers

Always begin with the following in mind:

- ♡ Be grateful. Feathers are a unique and pure symbol of nature and our connection to the natural world. Gratitude is a beautiful way to honor yourself and all that your life offers.
- ♡ Be open. Allow the messengers to inform you through their color, light and messages. Having the intention to believe and allow is essential. Notice how your relationship to spirit, inspiration and your life's path is deepened in this process.
- ♡ Be intuitive. Feathers are like a communication tool from a higher power. Use all of your senses to allow your own intuition to deepen. Listen to the messages and allow your unique perspective to shift and grow.
- ♡ Be love. Feathers often show up when there is someone or something that wants to reach out to us. Air is the element that represents the heart. Allow yourself to tap into your heart with a deeper reverence, connection and acceptance.

In this deck, you will find the first four cards to be the special “white” divine healers offering a unique viewpoint; the higher message and vision of divine healing. The remaining 40 cards represent the beautiful and varied energies of the birds chosen. As you come to know these guides, you will see that each has a specific message. They are all accompanied by information regarding their seasonal influence, elemental connection and color associations. Each card also presents keywords as well as an affirmation to work with.

As you will see, the Divine Feather Messengers represent many different aspects of inspiration and messaging. There are some generally acknowledged “keywords” associated with feathers as listed here:

Angels, Abundance, Spirit, Travel, Heaven,
Lightness, Flight, Messages, Ascension, Prayer

Divine Feather Messenger is a double-sided deck. The feather side represents the simple but powerful image of the feathers and is designed to be fanned out when preparing to select your messenger cards. The reverse side of the card holds the name of the bird, the beautiful watercolor image of the bird and an inspirational message.

The cards are meant to be used as an informative healing tool. Simply choose a card and tune into the divine messenger. Each feather card has been imprinted with the healing energy of the angels, so take time to notice the image and the message it offers. You can then receive more information by reading the detailed message in the book. Be aware of how it relates to a question you may have or it may be a general message that you might need right now. You can expand on the energies by using the affirmation provided.

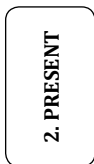
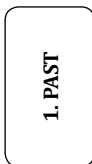
A perfect way to do this is to begin a short meditation using the four principles outlined on page 6. Open your heart and ask for the divine message that is perfect for you today. Choose one card and work with the message for that day or a longer period of time. Repeat the affirmation as often as you feel called to do so.

You can also call on the Divine Feather Messengers as a part of your ongoing relationship with nature. Choose one or more cards and ask to work with these energies on a deeper level. Take this awareness out into nature wherever you are. Observe which elements, colors and seasonal connections resonate for you. Notice the birds, feathers and sky. You may discover that once you set your focus on the bird

kingdom, feathers will start appearing with more frequency.

You may want to work with the cards in a traditional three-card spread. Come to stillness, shuffle and fan the cards, then choose three cards to represent past, present and future.

Messages for:



1. Where you are leaving
2. Where you are now
3. New energies emerging

Call on the divine healing grace of the angels and bird kingdom to guide you as you do.

Elements

The messages are followed by a notation of which elements are present within each bird energy. Each element has unique physical, emotional and mental qualities as outlined here:

Earth—Grounding, Stable, Practical, Abundant,

Physical, Safety, Family, Connected

Water—Flowing, Buoyant, Flexible, Fluid, Adaptable, Emotional, Playful, Creative

Fire—Energetic, Transformative, Confident, Warm, Courageous, Self-important, Lively

Air—Light, Moving, Sensitive, Open, Free, Cerebral, Loving, Compassionate, Flighty

We explore four elements to give more depth and connection to the natural world. (The fifth element known as space or ether element is not used here.)

Seasons

Each Divine Feather Messenger is connected to seasonal influence primarily tied into the bird and its migration pattern. Seasons have unique symbolism and may assist in uncovering further influences on your message.

Spring—New beginnings, Rebirth, Renewal, Growth

Summer—Light, Expression, Action, Vitality

Fall—Maturity, Harvest, Change, Reflection

Winter—Quiet, Introversions, Introspection, Contemplation

Each season offers us a different viewpoint into the bird kingdom.

Colors

Each of these colors has a unique quality that is so beautifully expressed in nature. Using color as a means for connecting to deeper meaning is a potent way to expand on the messages as well.

White: Purity, Healing, Divine innocence

Black: Protection, Mystery, Magic

Red: Vitality, Passion, Survival

Orange: Creativity, Joy, Emotions

Yellow: Cheer, Self-esteem, Brightness

Green: Love, Health, Compassion

Blue: Communication, Expression, Freedom

Grey: Balance, Neutrality, Softness

Brown: Earth, Richness, Stability

Purple: Intuitive, Magical, Rich

Cream: Calmness, Warmth, Relaxed

Gold: Prosperity, Wisdom, Knowledge

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Feather Messages



White Swan

Swans are mighty in size and power, yet soft with their effortless glide in motion. The swan has long been a symbol of beauty, grace, fidelity and partnership. The symbolism is enhanced by the color white; the color of healing, purity and the angelics. Swan is also a symbol for transformation. Many folktales use swan to illustrate the shift from the duckling or child self into the fullness of maturity. Goddesses have also chosen swan as their mount, like the divine goddess Saraswati, who unites with the healing element of water in her quest for wisdom, knowledge and the arts.

Message: The white swan brings with it the message that the power of divine grace is indeed with you and within you. Your connection to source is powerful and the healing potential is connected with your collected merits in the form of grace. Now is the time to embrace these divine gifts where you most need support. That healing may be in the form of a blessing over a current situation or transformation occurring in your life. Know that the divine messengers are assisting you now. You have the power through your own grace to move through any situation or challenge you are facing in a smooth and

harmonious way.

Energies: Grace, Beauty, Fidelity,
Transformation

Season: Summer

Element: Water, Air

Color: White (purity and healing)

Affirmation: I now accept the gift of divine grace and choose to honor the power and healing light within.

White Turkey

The turkey has long been a symbol of abundance, wisdom, earth and giving back. The symbolism is enhanced by the color white; the color of healing and purity. White turkey therefore is the symbol for healing the earth and our call to earth healing. The turkey in North America is most commonly a symbol of the harvest, the abundance of the season and a turkey that is sacrificed as the “give back” to feed the group. The white turkey is not so common and calls us to recognize the uniqueness of this symbol and the power of its message.

Message: The white turkey brings with it the

message that the earth is calling for healing now. Your connection to the earth and your need and desire to receive healing will be divinely guided. As you focus on earth healing—whether through environmentalism, blessing the land and water, or contributing to preservation efforts—you will assist in healing your own personal earth energies. These may be related to abundance, to your physical body, or to family issues. The white turkey comes to assist you as a mirror. As we heal the earth, we heal ourselves.

Energies: Earth-based healing, Abundance, Divine wisdom

Season: Fall

Element: Earth, Air

Color: White (purity and healing)

Affirmation: I am open to receive the divine abundance and healing of the earth.

White Eagle

Eagle is the bird totem associated with spirit and is often seen as divine guidance and vision. The white eagle has a special connection to the angelic realm as a messenger of the divine. White eagle calls us to our highest connection

to source, to our soul's purpose and to our service here on earth. White eagle tail feathers are commonly used in the headdresses of Native American chiefs as the antennae to Great Spirit and that connection demands great responsibility. When we are in service for the highest good, it is a call to follow our soul's true path here on earth.

Message: The white eagle delivers the message that now is the time to come into alignment with your soul's unique purpose. We are all being called to awaken at this time and receive our divine inheritance. It is time to let go of fear, move ahead and step into the power of your soul. Whether you are called to service through healing work or service to humanity, see your unique energy and contribution as vital to the shift now taking place. Expand out from where you stand and see if you can use your gifts to assist and guide those around you.

Energies: Soul's purpose, Highest vision, Power

Season: Summer

Element: Fire, Air

Color: White (purity and healing)

Affirmation: I awaken to my soul's unique and divine purpose.

White Owl

The owl is a bird of mystery, omens and the gifts of the unseen. The white owl is a unique messenger who brings light into the shadows. The mystery of owl is suddenly illuminated by the light of the divine and calls us to our highest intuition, knowledge and awareness. Many of the ancient wisdom goddesses kept owl as their wise counsel. The white owl signifies the wisdom of divine guidance coming through. We first need to be ready, willing and able to listen to this guidance from spirit and then have the faith to follow it.

Message: The white owl awakens a keener sense of listening, seeing, sensing and knowing. This divine messenger encourages you to follow your intuition and allow those senses to expand as you do so. Our ability to connect to the divine messengers is a skill that needs to be used for the highest good. Now is the time to pay attention to the messages you are receiving whether through synchronicity, repetitive thought or direct revelation. Follow the guidance that asks only for the best and highest good for all.

Energies: Intuition, Wisdom, Knowing

Season: Fall

Element: Air

Color: White (purity and healing)

Affirmation: I honor the messages and guidance of the divine that arise within me.

Blackbird

The blackbird has long been considered a bird of mystery with its unique folklore. This is a messenger who often communicates through his loud and magical song. Blackbirds with their dark plumes are associated with the unseen worlds and are thought to be the gateway to unseen reality. Blackbirds remind us that not everything is as it seems to the naked eye.

Message: The blackbird calls you to the unseen realms. This messenger encourages you to welcome in the mysteries and magic of that which is not in plain sight. Allow the song of blackbird to invite you to move beyond your usual limits and find your hidden potential. The gifts that we find in the shadows are often the greatest inspirations. All we need to do is step forward and seek what is right there in the twilight. Allow yourself to push past the ordinary boundaries and take the journey with blackbird. As you do, be open to the new