

Animal "Pets"

Animals: (ohimus) (o-hee-mus)

Emotional side of life reflecting qualities that must be overcome; symbols of power - powers within the invisible realm which can manifest within the visible... 'transformation'

Birds: (cepa) (cee-pah or chee-pah)

Symbols of the soul; the ability of flight reflects the ability within to rise to new awareness; used as inspiration - ideas and greater heights of hope

Eagle: (kwina) (qwee-nah or quint-nah)

In the animal world Eagle is Creator; in the Indian world Eagle is messenger to Creator; an Indian's descendency or lineage of eagle is thought to be a leader; when one's "pet" is the eagle they have "visionary" powers

Coyote: (esha) (ee-sha)

Thought of as Creator's Pet "old man coyote";

Coyote is known as the trickster; When coyote looks at you death of a woman close to you is near; Coyote barking or lone howl means death or illness to someone dear

Owl: (muhu) (moo-hoo)

Owl being a bird of the night and night a symbol of darkness within - the owl can see within the soul and lives of humans and knows where they hide their secrets; the owl has vision from birth, illness and of the forth coming death which can be considered both good and bad.

Mono: Having the owl as a "pet" brings to the bearer the role of preparer, because the owl brings messages of illness or death this causes the bearer the fate of previous knowledge which helps them to be prepared for the shock of the news and thereby relatively more prepared than others affected by the sad news and can be more stable in decisions, if they heed and read the warnings; healing powers can be bestowed and practiced via the owl spirit; prophecy and wisdom are also associated with the owl; psychological powers via the fear of illness and death associated to the owl are at the owl peoples' beckoning; owl people think of the owl as good luck.

Yokuts: Winatun, messenger for Tihpiknits-keeper of the Hereafter

Mono: Also considered a messenger of the Hereafter

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Rattlesnake: (togok') (toh-gokt)

Yokuts: Private secretary or Winatun of Tihpiknits - keeper of the Hereafter; considered a "spy"

Mono: Rattlesnake is not to be eaten, if it is eaten fighting always will ensue among the participants

Quail: (humanuwa) (hum-mah-noh-wah)

Mono: Good runner; fast runner makes a good messenger

Yokuts: Champion at fair play

Ant - Red: (wowa) (woh-wah)

Mono: Hard worker, industrious; therefore the Mono would lay the umbellical cord on an ant hill so the child will grow up to be industrious and a hard worker

Yokuts: Deal out the most punishment; Ant can and will kill rattlesnake

Water Skater: (pa'muceya) (pah-moo-cee-yah)

Messenger that traveled on both land and water; quail, water skater, and ant all work together

Hummingbird: (pishcutu) (pish-coo-too)

Mono: dreamer; good medicine when a hummingbird hovers in one's face; hummingbird is a healer

Roadrunner: (ouiouina) (oui-oui-nuh)

Mono: good luck; good medicine; a runner or one on the move

Black Bear: (pahabich) (pah-hub-itch)

Mono: our brother; did not eat the bear; bear is the guardian of the woods/forest; keeper of love and medicine; dreaming about bears means trouble is coming your way soon

Dove: (hawe) (hai-wee)

Mono: messenger to the chief; messengers were only on the eagle side; messengers were noted to remember messages twenty years later