

Inspired by a lifetime of adventure and having witnessed the wisdom of wildlife living synergistically with one another and in harmony with nature along the way, I've now written an annual almanac entitled, Naturally Intelligent by Design. This almanac is comprised of 365 playfully poetic tributes to keystone animals who have captured my attention and captivated my imagination for a moment in time. Naturally Intelligent by Design is my invitation to you to re-discover your natural childlike wonder of the world and to enrich your life by beginning your naturally intelligent learning journey informed by wildlife wisdom, as well. Why learn from animal guides, totems, and spirits? Across cultures and time, wildlife on land and sea have taught those of us inspired to listen and to learn-- essential skills for adapting to new environments, surviving changing climates and habitats, and thriving in diverse communities. Further, they continue to remind us that we are bound to the tree of life; and not just metaphorically; but biologically, psychologically, emotionally, and spiritually. We are naturally intelligent by design. And, when we know this, then we invest in re-creating harmony in nature and right relationships with wildlife, while adapting our lifestyles to support the greatest recovery of species loss. When we value nature as precious and priceless, then we invest our capital in nature and in the regeneration of our Eikos (Home).

Conversely, what happens when we compromise the biosphere's integrity? What happens when we disrupt the balance of nature and violate the natural principles that underpin the dynamic and yet discrete flow of life across generations of species? Life as we know it—our life as we know it, begins to unravel... and indeed, the dance has already begun.

Therefore, it is urgent and imperative for us to be the stewards of the natural world we were born to be and to become the heroes of our present future. In the wake of the 2020 planetary climate-nature-economic crisis, we are now called to reverse wildlife loss, to repair degraded natural habitat, to reclaim half earth as wild spaces, to honor and to learn from Indigenous Peoples and traditions, and to mimic nature's smart evolutionary designs; so that we may live well on Planet Earth. This is our home. May our book, *Naturally Intelligent by Design* (ready for print January 2024) and our accompanying primer multimedia resources (ready now), like this 2023 wildlife wisdom calendar, our animal card deck, and weekly animal card readings every Monday throughout 2023 (highlighted on the calendar) serve as useful first guides on our collective journey toward re-discovering our true human nature, our natural intelligence.

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#### **EARTH VISION 2030**

Reverse the Red, Recover Biodiversity, Re-Wild Half-Earth



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#### **SNOW LEOPARD**

- SCIENTIFIC NAME: Panthera uncia
- LOCATION: Mountain ranges of Central & South Asia
- IUCN REDLIST: Vulnerable
- PHOTO CREDIT: Piro



#### **SUMATRAN ORANGUTAN**

- SCIENTIFIC NAME: Pongo abelli
- · LOCATION: Indonesian island of Sumatra
- IUCN REDLIST: Critically endangered
- PHOTO CREDIT: Catherine Cunningham



#### **GIRAFFE**

- SCIENTIFIC NAME: Giraffa camelopardalis
- · LOCATION: North Africa
- IUCN REDLIST: Vulnerable
- PHOTO CREDIT: Catherine Cunningham



#### **MEERKAT**

- SCIENTIFIC NAME: Suricate suricatta
- LOCATION: South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe
- IUCN REDLIST: Least Concern
- PHOTO CREDIT: Kim Marriott/CU Ondrej Prosicky



#### **ARCTIC FOX**

- SCIENTIFIC NAME: Vulpes iagopus
- LOCATION: Arctic regions of the Northern Hemisphere
- IUCN REDLIST: Least Concern
- PHOTO CREDIT: Megan Lorenz



#### **CORAL REEF**

- SCIENTIFIC NAME: Millepora dichotoma
- LOCATION: The Red Sea & Indo-West Pacific region
  - **IUCN REDLIST: Least Concern**
- PHOTO CREDIT: Barbara Ash



#### **AFRICAN PYTHON**

- SCIENTIFIC NAME: Python sebae
- · LOCATION: Sub-Saharan Africa
- IUCN REDLIST: Least Concern
- PHOTO CREDIT: Haim Sharbit



#### **KOALA BEAR**

- SCIENTIFIC NAME: Phascolarctos cinereusa
- · LOCATION:Eastern Australia
- IUCN REDLIST: Vulnerable
- PHOTO CREDIT: Dudarev Mikhail



#### **CHINOOK SALMON**

- SCIENTIFIC NAME: Oncorhychus tshawytscha
- LOCATION: Eastern Pacific Ocean
- IUCN REDLIST: Critically endangered
- PHOTO CREDIT: Edward Palm



#### **FIRE ANTS**

- SCIENTIFIC NAME: Solenopsis ssp.
- LOCATION: Central America
- IUCN REDLIST: Vulnerable
- PHOTO CREDIT: Tarig Ahmed



#### **ORCA**

- SCIENTIFIC NAME: Orcinus orca
- LOCATION: Range from California to Russia
- IUCN REDLIST: Data Deficient
- PHOTO CREDIT: Slow Motiongli



#### ANDEAN FLAMINGO

- SCIENTIFIC NAME: Pheonicoparrus andinus
- LOCATION: Andes mountains of South America
- IUCN REDLIST: Vulnerable
- PHOTO CREDIT: Catherine Cunningham, Enrique Lorca





### **JANUARY 2023**





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> New Years Day	2	3	4	5	6 🔾	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 ①	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 International Day of Education	25	26	27	28 ①
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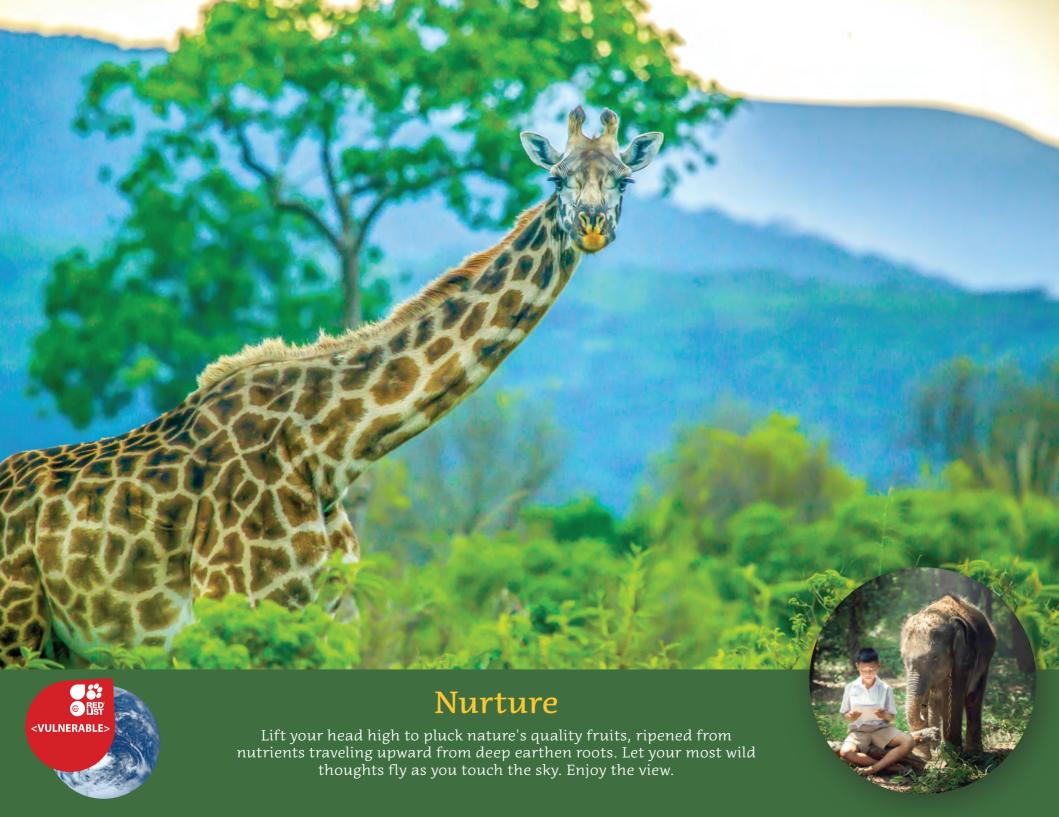
### **FEBRUARY 2023**

## Sumatran Orangutan



### Pongo abelli

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
New Moon First Quarter Moon Full Moon Third Quarter Moon	30	31	<b>1</b> First Day of Black History Month	2	3	4 International Day of Human Fraternity
5 🔿	6 International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation	7	8	9	10	11 International Day of Women and Girls in Science
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	Presidents' Day World Day of Social Justice	21	22 Mardi Gras	23 Ash Wednesday	24	25
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### **MARCH 2023**





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5	6	7 🔾	8 International Women's Day	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 🕦	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19 Daylight Saving Time starts	20 International Day of Happiness Spring Equinox	21 International Day of Forests	22 Ramadan begins World Water Day	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 ①	30	31	



### **APRIL 2023**





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5 International Day of Conscience Passover begins	6 🔾	7 United Nations'World Health Day	8
<b>9</b> Easter Sunday	10	11	12	13 Passover ends	14	15
16	17	18 Tax Day	19	20	21 Eid-al-Fitr/Ramadan Ends World Creativity and Innovation Day	22 Earth Day
23	24 s (every Monday)   naturalintelligence.	25	26	27 ①	28	



### **MAY 2023**





### Vulpes lagopus

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7	8	9	10	11	12 ①	13
14 Mother's Day	15 International Day of Families	16	17	18	19	20
21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	22 International Day for Biological Diversity	23	24	25	26	27
28	Memorial Day International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers	30	31	June 1 1st Day of LGBQ+ Month	June       Sun     Mon     Tue     Wed     Thu     Fri     Sat       28     29     30     31     1     2     3       4     5     6     7     8     9     10       11     12     13     14     15     16     17       18     19     20     21     22     23     24       25     26     27     28     29     30     1       2     3     4     5     6     7     8	



### **JUNE 2023**





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 ()	5 World Environment Day	6	7	8 World Oceans Day	9	10 ①
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
Father's Day Sustainable Food day	19 Juneteenth	20 World Refugee Day	21 <sup>Summer Solstice</sup>	22	23	24
25	26 (every Monday)   naturalintelligence.	27	28	29	30	1



### **JULY 2023**





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 🕡	26	27	28 Eid al-Adha	29
<b>30</b> = Wildlife wisdom readings (every Mon	aday)   naturalintelligence.com/store	1	2	3		



### **AUGUST 2023**





#### Phascolarctos cinereus

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July           Mon         Tue         Wed         Thu         Fri         Sat           26         27         28         29         30         1           3         4         5         6         7         8           10         11         12         13         14         15           17         18         19         20         21         22           24         25         26         27         28         29           31         1         2         3         4         5	September           Sun         Mon         Tue         Wed         Thu         Fri         Sat           27         28         29         30         31         1         2           3         4         5         6         7         8         9           10         11         12         13         14         15         16           17         18         19         20         21         22         23           24         25         26         27         28         29         30           1         2         3         4         5         6         7	_	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People	10	11	12 International Youth Day
13	14	15 Ferragosto	16	17	18	19 World Humanitarian Day
20	21	22	23	24 ①	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 (		0



### **SEPTEMBER 2023**

### Chinook Salmon



### Oncorhychus tshawytscha

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28				1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10 grandparents day	11	12	13	14	15 First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month	
17	18	19	20	21 International Day of Peace	22 ①	23 Autumn Equinox
24 Yom Kippur	(every Monday)   naturalintelligence.	26	27	28	29 Sukkot begins	



### **OCTOBER 2023**



### Solenopsis ssp.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 World Habitat Day International Day of Non-Violence	3	4	5 World Teachers' Day	6 Sukkot ends	7
8	9 Indigenous Peoples' Day	10 World Mental Health Day	11	12	13	14
15	16 World Food Day	17	18	19	20	21
22 ①	23	24	25	26	27	28 🔾
29  - Wildlife wisdom readin	gs (every Monday)   naturalintelligend	31 Halloween World Cities Day	September           Sun         Mon         Tue         Wed         Thu         Fri         Sat           27         28         29         30         31         1         2           3         4         5         6         7         8         9           10         11         12         13         14         15         16           17         18         19         20         21         22         23           24         25         26         27         28         29         30	29 30 31 1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	4 11 8 5 5	



### **NOVEMBER 2023**





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Daylight Saving Time ends	6	<b>7</b> Election Day	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day
12	13	14 0	15	16	17	18
19	20 Universal Children's Day	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 Native American Heritage Day	25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
26	(every Monday)   naturalintelligence.	28	29	30		



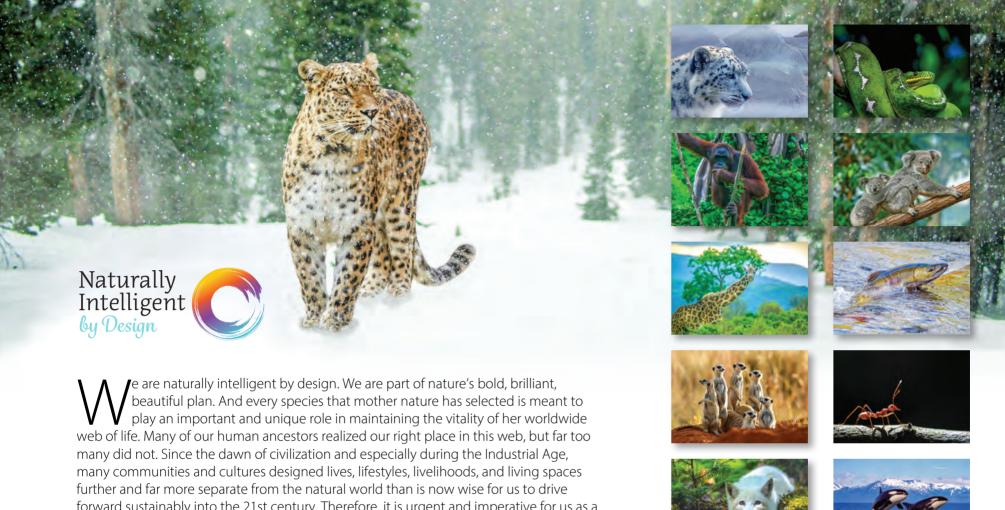
### **DECEMBER 2023**

# Andean Flamingo Pheonicoparrus andinus

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3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Human Rights Day	11 International Mountain Day	12	13	14	15 Hanukkah ends	16
17	18	19 ①	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27 🔾	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve					22 2 3 3	



forward sustainably into the 21st century. Therefore, it is urgent and imperative for us as a global collective to return to our right role as stewards of nature and to re-weave positive threads of our human existence into the fabric of the living biosphere. To do this, we must remember who we are. We must reclaim our natural intelligence.

We at Natural Intelligence Media intention with our 2023 edition of *Naturally Intelligent* by Design wildlife book, calendar, wisdom cards, and weekly readings to begin this journey of re-awakening natural intelligence in every human heart, home, and habitat worldwide. This intelligence is our true nature. This intelligence is an ancient wisdom that respects Gaia, appreciates her awesome micro-macro interconnected bio-form, and stands fiercely committed to sustaining a healthy, diverse, dynamic natural biosphere with every conscious human action.

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