# Nature and Animals in Tattoo History

Tattoo History · Answer Key · 25 Questions

**1. Which animal is traditionally associated with the strength and protection tattoos of the Maori people of New Zealand?**

**A) Shark**
B) Tiger
C) Eagle
D) Snake

**2. In ancient Egyptian tattooing, which desert creature was often depicted to symbolize protection and transformation?**

**A) Scorpion**
B) Camel
C) Gazelle
D) Ostrich

**3. Polynesian tattoo patterns often include the 'niho mano', which represents the teeth of which sea creature?**

A) Whale
**B) Shark**
C) Dolphin
D) Seal

**4. The traditional Japanese 'Irezumi' style frequently features the Koi fish, which symbolizes which trait?**

A) Laziness
**B) Perseverance**
C) Speed
D) Fear

**5. In many indigenous cultures of the Pacific Northwest, tattoos often depict which bird, known as a cultural symbol of transformation?**

**A) Raven**
B) Penguin
C) Parrot
D) Ostrich

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**6. Which flower is one of the most iconic natural motifs in traditional Japanese tattooing, often paired with Koi fish?**

A) Sunflower
B) Lotus
**C) Cherry Blossom**
D) Cactus

**7. In ancient Scythian culture, mummies have been found with tattoos of which type of animal, highlighting their nomadic lifestyle?**

**A) Deer**
B) Lion
C) Elephant
D) Kangaroo

**8. Which forest animal is a common motif in traditional Nordic-style tattoos, representing the wild and untamed nature of the region?**

**A) Bear**
B) Koala
C) Zebra
D) Giraffe

**9. Traditional hand-tapped tattoos in the Philippines often used geometric patterns to mimic the scales of which animal?**

**A) Snake**
B) Fish
C) Lizard
D) Bird

**10. What celestial natural feature is a common element in ancient tattoos found on the frozen remains of the 'Ice Man' Ötzi?**

A) Sun
B) Moon
C) Stars
**D) None of the above**

**11. In ancient Greece, tattoos were sometimes used to mark individuals as 'barbarians', but nature-inspired motifs like which plant were sometimes used for decoration?**

**A) Ivy**
B) Pine tree
C) Oak leaf
D) Rose

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**12. The Haida people of the Pacific Northwest famously tattoo images of which marine mammal, often representing family lineage?**

**A) Killer Whale**
B) Walrus
C) Manatee
D) Sea Otter

**13. In many cultures, the butterfly is a tattoo motif historically used to symbolize which natural process?**

**A) Metamorphosis**
B) Hibernation
C) Migration
D) Photosynthesis

**14. Which desert plant is occasionally depicted in modern interpretations of Southwestern American tattoo history?**

**A) Saguaro Cactus**
B) Bamboo
C) Maple
D) Fern

**15. The traditional 'Sak Yant' tattoos of Southeast Asia often include depictions of which big cat for spiritual power?**

**A) Tiger**
B) Lion
C) Leopard
D) Cheetah

**16. In ancient Celtic art and tattoos, which tree was considered sacred and often depicted to represent wisdom?**

**A) Oak**
B) Palm
C) Pine
D) Coconut

**17. Which bird of prey is a common historical symbol in tattoos representing military power and freedom?**

**A) Eagle**
B) Hummingbird
C) Penguin
D) Pigeon

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**18. The turtle is a common motif in Pacific Island tattooing, representing what natural concept?**

**A) Longevity**
B) Flight
C) Speed
D) Fire

**19. Historically, what insect was sometimes used as a tattoo motif to represent industry and community?**

**A) Bee**
B) Fly
C) Mosquito
D) Grasshopper

**20. In various cultures, the spider is a tattoo motif historically linked to which natural skill?**

**A) Web-weaving**
B) Hunting
C) Camouflage
D) Digging

**21. Which aquatic creature, known for its ability to change color, has appeared in traditional seafaring tattoo art?**

**A) Octopus**
B) Clam
C) Starfish
D) Crab

**22. The dragon, while mythical, is traditionally associated with which element in Eastern tattooing history?**

**A) Water**
B) Earth
C) Air
D) Metal

**23. In some Amazonian tribes, plant-based dyes were used to create tattoos depicting the skin patterns of which jungle animal?**

**A) Jaguar**
B) Monkey
C) Sloth
D) Toucan

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**24. Which fruit has been used as a decorative motif in traditional Western 'old school' style tattoos?**

**A) Cherry**
B) Banana
C) Watermelon
D) Orange

**25. In ancient history, the sun was frequently tattooed as a natural icon to represent what?**

**A) Light and life**
B) Rain
C) Darkness
D) Cold

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