San Juan Island Archipelago **Field Guide to *Near*-Extinct Bird**

Once in great abundance throughout the San Juan Islands, it is believed just a single bird of each of the following still exists - and they are all **HERE** in the Sculpture Park. See if you can find all nine as you enjoy our other one-of-a-kind art installations.

If you find the **BIRD BEAK SIGNAGE**, you are within 30 feet of a *Near*-Exinct bird.

San Juan Gossiper

We all know, in the last 300 years no Gossip has ever left the island, but with only one remaining bird there's really not much to talk about.

Shark Reef Pesnarak

A bird known for its ill-aimed mating displays, the penultimate Pesnarak was last seen on the Reef in 1962 flirting with a washed up fish float.

Rosario Pond Skimmer

This bird used to skim across the pond on its flat spoon-shaped feet. It ate so many tadpoles that it sank and now just wades along the shore.

Zylstra Featherless Snipe

The Zylstra Snipe has no feathers, leading to boring mating rituals and thus a drastic decline in numbers. Nobody likes a featherless snipe.

Henry Island Head Knocker

You'd think that having a metal head would be an evolutionary advantage. But not for the Knocker, now a coveted part of most British tea sets.

Sheep Tick Picker

These birds were doomed from the get go since the sheep here are tickless. Tick Pickers were to *eating* what the Dodo was to *flight*.

Harbor Hoatzin

Unlike their partying Amazonian cousin, our Hoatzin is a private soul, wondering "if life had been different, would I even know it was different?"

Stuart Island Lure

It should come as no surprise that any bird whose head is shaped like a fishing lure would eventually fall victim to a large observant fish.

Sightless Snug Harbor Puc

Pucs flourished in the Ice Age but the glare off the ice was so blinding these birds kept their eyes closed, making it *impossible* to find a mate.

Remember, be kind to your web-footed friends, for a duck may be somebody's mother. Be kind to your friends in the swamp . . .