The **Double-Crested Cormorant** is a large black bird with a crooked neck and orange throat patch. Cormorants live mainly on coasts, rivers and lakes across North America. They require water for feeding and nearby perches such as rocks, pilings, shipwrecks and docks for resting and drying out during the day. Cormorants have one mate. The male chooses the nest site and then advertises for a female by standing in a "wing-waving" display that shows off the brightly-colored skin on his head and neck.

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**Sea Lions** and **Seals** are pinnipeds - fin-footed marine mammals. They are divided into two categories: earless seals (true seals) and eared seals (sealions). They live along coastal regions, bays, rivers and inlets and eat mostly fish. In Shilshole Bay, we have **California Sea Lions** and **Harbor Seals**. The California Sea Lion is very fast, playful and able to catch things with its teeth. They are brown with tan faces. Harbor Seals have spotted gray, tan or dark brown coats and a layer of blubber that insulates their bodies. They can stay under water for 7 to 10 minutes.

Northern Bald Eagles are generally found in coastal areas or near large inland lakes and rivers where fish are abundant and large trees are available for nesting. As adults their wingspan ranges from 6 to 7½ feet. They may live 30 years or more in the wild and even longer in captivity. Bald Eagles have one life mate and build nests that, over time, become massive structures up to 9 feet in diameter and weigh up to 2000pounds! Bald eagles are not bald. The term "bald" comes from the Old English word "balde" which means "white."

The **Great Blue Heron** can stand as still as a statue at the water's edge waiting for a fish or frog to happen by. They are wading birds that stand up to 4 feet tall with a 7-foot wingspan. Great Blues have long yellow bills, blue-gray wings and back, and white heads with a black cap and long black plumes. Their habitats include rivers, lake edges, saltwater shores and swamps. They are year-round residents on the Pacific Coast.

**Dungeness Crabs** are found in Pacific Coastal waters from California to Alaska. They were named after a fishing town on the coast of Washington. They have a flat, reddish-brown oval body with five pairs of legs. The first pair of legs is larger and has pinching claws. Dungeness crabs can walk in all directions and occasionally can run quickly.



