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FLIGHTS OF FANCY: The Seabirds of the Oregon Coast

Final Script

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The Seabirds of the Oregon Coast**

FADE IN:

A SEQUENCE BUILDS, SUBTLE AT FIRST, THEN INCREASINGLY
DRAMATIC -- OF ONE SEABIRD ARRIVING, THEN ANOTHER, THEN MORE
AND MORE UNTIL THE HEADLAND IS COVERED THICK WITH BIRDS.

For example:

1. A long pan across Colony Rock, barren and devoid of birds, with waves
crashing below.

NARRATOR: (voiceover)

ON THE WINDS OF MARCH ...

2. Tilt up from a rocky ledge to a lovely shot of a Common Murre looking
around.

A MARVELOUS ANNUAL EVENT ...

3. A Tufted Puffin comes out from behind rocks onto a ledge and begins to
preen itself.

... BEGINS TO UNFOLD ACROSS THE
NORTHERN PACIFIC COAST.

4. A Rhinoceros Auklet leaps from a rocky ledge into the water, swims, then
dunks its head.

IT'S THE MIGRATION OF SEABIRDS,
COME TO NEST.

5. A Pigeon Guillemot lands on a rocky ledge.

FROM WINTERS ON THE OPEN
OCEAN, THEY LAND

6. An Oystercatcher paces hesitantly across a rock ledge.

... FIRST IN ONES AND TWOS.

7. On guano-covered rocks, pan across about a dozen Cormorants and a Gull; other Gulls land.

THEN BY THE HUNDREDS.

8. A close shot of more than three dozen Murres on rocks, with a Gull in the foreground.

UNTIL IN SOME PLACES

9. Rocks covered with "wall to wall" Murres; ocean in the background.

THERE ARE THOUSANDS ...

10. More than three dozen Cormorants, sitting in every crevice or indentation on guano-covered rocks; pan left to see more.

... EVEN TENS OF THOUSANDS.

11. a) A long pan from yellow flowers past Colony Rock, covered thick with birds, with ocean and breaking waves in the background.

YEAR AFTER YEAR ...

RETURNING TO THE SAME ISLANDS

AND HEADLANDS ...

.. CAPTURING OUR IMAGINATION ...

IN THEIR TIMELESS RITUAL OF THE

SEA AND SHORE.

b) SUPER TITLE: **FLIGHTS OF FANCY**
Seabirds of the Oregon Coast

FLIGHTS OF FANCY:

... THE SEABIRDS OF

THE OREGON COAST.

dissolve to:

A SEQUENCE THAT GIVES A FEELING OF A UNIQUE UP-CLOSE LOOK AT REALLY SPECIAL EVENTS.

For example:

12. Two Puffins are nuzzling; one is flapping its wings wildly while the other nibbles its chest.

VERY LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT THE
BIOLOGY OF THESE MIGRATING
SEABIRDS ...

2. Two Auklets sparring with their beaks. They both raise their heads in a series of sudden jolting motions.

... BECAUSE MOST OF THE YEAR,
THEY'RE MOSTLY UNSEEN.

14. A Murre floats sideways, splashing, then seems to almost propel itself forward on the surface of the water by splashing from behind.

FIVE SPECIES LIVE AT THE
OREGON COAST AQUARIUM.

THE SEQUENCE NOW INTERCUTS WITH A FEW SCENES OF AQUARIUM SCIENTIFIC WORK.

For example:

15. An Aviculturist holds the young Oystercatcher, its wings spread wide.

... PART OF A GROUND-BREAKING
EDUCATIONAL ...

16. A Puffin picks up a fish in its mouth and eats it.

... AND SCIENTIFIC EFFORT.

17. Amid a lovely orange glow, a hand twists an egg in front of the Candler.

HERE, RESEARCH LEADS THE
WAY ...

18. Two Pigeon Guillemots are on a rock. One is following the other, flapping its wings as they go around in circles.

... TO CONSERVATION AND
PROTECTION OF THESE SEABIRDS
IN THE WILD.

dissolve to:

A SERIES OF "PORTRAITS" THAT INTRODUCE EACH AQUARIUM SEABIRD.

For example:

19. A close shot of an Auklet, with sunglow on its beak and neck, its "whisker" feathers standing out. The camera pulls back and follows it as it walks away.

THERE'S THE RHINOCEROS AUKLET
... NAMED FOR THE LITTLE
RHINOCEROS-LIKE HORN
AT THE BASE OF ITS BILL.

20. A view underwater shows the Guillemot's orange feet and wings with white flapping.

SOME PEOPLE THINK THE PIGEON
GUILLEMOT ... WITH ITS WHITE
WING PATCHES ...

LOOKS LIKE A BUTTERFLY IN
FLIGHT.

21. About a dozen murrens on a rocky headland. One walks out on the rocks, another flaps its wings, then another.

THE COMMON MURRE IS THE MOST
ABUNDANT NESTING SEABIRD
IN OREGON.

22. An extreme closeup of a Puffin; a great side view; the Puffin preening.

MOST EVERYONE RECOGNIZES THE
TUFTED PUFFIN ...
... WITH ITS BRILLIANT COLORING
AND BACKWARD-CURVED
BREEDING PLUMES.

dissolve to:

A SEQUENCE THAT ILLUSTRATES SOME OF THE UNIQUE BIOLOGICAL
FEATURES OF THE
ALCIDS.

For example:

23. A Pigeon Guillemot walking with its beak open, revealing the bright orange color inside its mouth.

THESE FOUR SPECIES ARE
KNOWN AS "ALCIDS."

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