



The Legend of the 2030 BURDS

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Deep in the pine thickets and lush valleys of Hall County, Georgia, grow a flock of small wild **BURDS**. With their wings proudly stretched, these distinctive creatures are no bigger than a hand yet large with personality and perpetual mischief.

Legend has it that the flock originally nested in the far reaches of barns and covered bridges, showing up from time to time. But, like many elusive creatures these BURDS are heard but seldom seen, lesser still caught or tamed.

With population and growth, they spread their range and hid in shadows of church belfries, the Downtown Courthouse, and even the corners of Brenau University. Their numbers are unknown but their habitat is exclusively Hall County, at the heart of Lake Lanier. These BURDS have a unique plaintive, sounding somewhat like a child's cry... "*Find Me!*"

There are reports that the flocks are multiplying...first 100, then 200, perhaps 300... There is no accurate count, as they move too fast! The BURDS do love people but remain elusive – ever waiting for the slightest hint of human recognition.

What happens upon discovery is as mystical as the creatures themselves. *With human detection*, they freeze their movement, solidify their posture, and maintain an eternal gaze and stance.

Each discovered BURD becomes gilded in refined gold, reflecting the first gold discovered in 1836 in Hall County, or perhaps the first mint established on Gainesville's Square.

Shining bright as fire – like the endemic symbol of Brenau University – these majestic BURDS glow strong through the darkest of days – tall, proud, and vigilant...just like the citizens of Hall County.

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