

Seahorses

Conjuring visions of mythical beasts, these delicate little carnivores hide in underwater gardens, a fantastical existence. Their environment is often destroyed by fishing nets, pollution, and severe storms. The seahorse relies on slow moving water and grasses to anchor themselves as they are not very good swimmers. They are highly prized in Chinese medicine. Millions are hunted and removed from the wild annually.

These prints started out in the darkroom. I made dozens of photograms using various objects laid on top of the sensitized black and white photo paper. The paper is then developed normally in developer, stop bath, and fixer, then washed.

Once the images are dry I then scan them. I print each final image with archival inks on 100% cotton rag. I de-bossed a piece of Rives BFK 100% cotton rag on my etching press, and then mount the image in the center. This means the print is archival and won't fade..

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