16th Annual Student Bird Art Contest Results (2019)

This year, 910 pieces of art were submitted from Humboldt County students in grades K through 12. Some 41 cash prizes totaling $650, plus 31 honorable mentions, were awarded at the 24th annual Godwit Days Festival in mid-April.

— Sue Leskiw, Contest Organizer

Prize winners in Kindergarten & Grade 1. Photo by Jay Seeger.

**Kindergarten**
First Place: Cassidy Lloyd, Kneeland School, Peregrine Falcon
Second Place: Isabelle Graham, Dow's Prairie School, Spotted Owl
Third Place: Ruby Hall, Jacoby Creek School, Anna's Hummingbird

**Grade 1**
First Place: Story Mintey, Freshwater Elementary, American Robin; Ender Guthrie, Fuente Nueva Charter, Spotted Owl
Second Place: Phoebe Rogers, Jacoby Creek School, California Quail; Soren James, Redwood Coast Montessori, Pileated Woodpecker
Third Place: Gunnar White, Trinity Valley Elementary, Barn Owl; Fiona Frazer, Fuente Nueva Charter, Common Loon
(Top to bottom) Cassidy Lloyd; Isabelle Graham; Ruby Hall.

(Top to bottom) Story Mintey; Ender Guthrie; Phoebe Rogers.
(Top to bottom) Soren James; Gunnar White.

Fiona Frazer.
Grade 2
First Place: Bony McKnight, Coastal Grove Charter, Townsend’s Warbler
Second Place: Josie McKelvy, Trinity Valley Elementary, Wood Duck; Sebastian Bunz, Garfield School, Belted Kingfisher
Third Place: Taalin Brown, Fuente Nueva Charter, Spotted Owl; Kiera Alves, Dow’s Prairie School, Anna’s Hummingbird

Grade 3
First Place: Jade Frimodig, Fuente Nueva Charter, Northern Flicker; Na’omi Heitchler, Trinity Valley Elementary, Bald Eagle; Isla Davison, Redwood Coast Montessori, Bald Eagle
Second Place: Aubrey Lloyd, Kneeland School, Peregrine Falcon; Aubrey Waxler, Morris Elementary, Common Loon
Third Place: Maxwell Collins, Garfield School, Black-crowned Night-Heron; Kyla Benzinger, Garfield School, Great Blue Heron

(Above) Bony McKnight. (Right) Sebastian Bunz.
(Left, top to bottom) Josie McKelvy; Taalin Brown; Kiera Alves; Jade Frimodig. (Right, top to bottom) Na'omi Heitchler; Isla Davidson; Aubrey Lloyd; Aubrey Waxler.
Grade 4

First Place: Sarah Coyle, Ambrosini School, Bald Eagle; Nichole Cook, Morris Elementary, Marbled Godwit
Second Place: Rose Callahan, Union Street Charter, Red-breasted Nuthatch; Violet Cook, Freshwater School, Great Blue Heron
Third Place: Zoe Roemer, Pacific Union, Belted Kingfisher; Malia Hilleary, Northern United Charter, Wood Duck
(Top to bottom) Sarah Coyle; Nichole Cook; Violet Cook.

(Top to bottom) Rose Callahan; Malia Hilleary; Zoe Roemer.
Grades 5&6
First Place: Ruby Soto, Green Point School, Belted Kingfisher; Lily Bazemore, Union Street Charter, Red-breasted Nuthatch
Second Place: Saanvi Virnave, Sunny Brae Middle School, Common Ravens; Meta Bee Nave, Fuente Nueva Charter, Varied Thrush
Third Place: Flora Shaw, Redwood Coast Montessori, American Avocet; Josie Klawitter, Green Point School, Western Tanager

Grades 7-12
First Place: Jasmine Rudin, Eureka High, Purple Finch
Second Place: Christina Smith, Eureka High, Northern Flicker
Third Place: Madai Cruz, Eureka High, American Wigeon

(Left) Lily Bazemore. (Right) Saanvi Virnave.
(Left column, top to bottom) Ruby Soto; Meta Bee Nave. (Right column, top to bottom) Flora Shaw; Josie Klawitter; Jasmine Rudin.
(Left) Christina Smith. (Right) Madai Cruz.

*Best Depiction of Bird in Habitat* prize winners. Photo by Jay Seeger.
**Best Depiction of a Bird in Its Habitat Awards**
Keilani Goodrich-Brinckhaus, Grade 1, Alder Grove Charter, Western Gull
Lilia Mendes, Grade 2, Dow’s Prairie School, Tufted Puffin
October Mintey, Grade 5, Freshwater Elementary, Buffleheads
Anna McLaughlin, Grade 5, Fuente Nueva Charter, Snowy Plover
Jayna Kline, Grade 12, Eureka High, Western Meadowlark

(Top to bottom) Keilani Goodrich-Brinckhaus; Anna McLaughlin; Jayna Kline.

(Top to bottom) October Mintey; Lilia Mendes.
Honorable Mentions

Kindergarten: Myla Edson, Dow’s Prairie School, Varied Thrush; Annayal Graves, Dow’s Prairie School, American Robin; Hayden Ham, Dow’s Prairie School, Spotted Owl. Grade 1: Wyatt Sessoms, Dow’s Prairie School, Belted Kingfisher; Ninnamich Richardson, Trinity Valley Elementary, Hummingbird; Aurorah Tracy, Trinity Valley Elementary, Hummingbird; Echo Kimball, Trinity Valley Elementary, Barn Owl.

Grade 2: Rosie Aguirre, Blue Lake School, Common Loon; Nikki Davis, Dow’s Prairie School, American Goldfinch; Caleb Harris, Dow’s Prairie School, Great Blue Heron; Ruby Moreno, Dow’s Prairie School, Anna’s Hummingbird; Emelie Cabodi, Trinity Valley Elementary, Bald Eagle; Coral Morris, Fuente Nueva Charter, Spotted Owl. Grade 3: Fisher Bjorkstedt, Fuente Nueva Charter, Belted Kingfisher; Lillian Pinnegar, Homeschooled, Wood Duck; Kjersti MacDonald, Garfield School, Spotted Owl. Grade 4: Zeke Lee, Redwood Coast Montessori, Forster’s Tern; Brooke Weeks, Morris Elementary, Cedar Waxwing; Elana Dens, Union Street Charter, American Goldfinch; Iris Quinlan, Union Street Charter, Bald Eagle; Lucas Vandermeer, Union Street Charter, Black-crowned Night-Heron; Oni Orcutt, Trinity Valley Elementary, Steller’s Jay.