In this year of the coronavirus pandemic, 160 home-from-school kids pulled out paints, pencils, pastels, or paste to enter. The contest usually is held in association with mid-April’s Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival. Although that event was postponed until a yet-to-be-determined date this fall, as contest coordinator, I decided to go ahead with the art contest, viewing it as a project for housebound K-12 students to tackle. Although the number of entries was way down from last year’s 910, there still were high-quality entries deserving of awards. I really miss handing out the awards in person to kids dressed in their best! Copies of all winners are planned to be displayed at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center in September/October, coupled with a public reception to honor the artists (if gatherings larger than 10 people are allowed by then). — Sue Leskiw

Kindergarten through Grade 3
First Place: Alya Nickell (Grade 2), Northern United Charter, Anna’s Hummingbird
First Place: Bony McKnight (Grade 3), Coastal Grove Charter, Peregrine Falcon
Second Place: Fern Dodge (Grade 2), Coastal Grove Charter, Whimbrel
Second Place: Alyssa Gildea (Grade 3), Jacoby Creek Elementary, American Avocet
Third Place: Winnie Bettencourt (Grade 1), Coastal Grove Charter, American Robin
Third Place: Tadeus Furaha (Grade 2), Coastal Grove Charter, Bald Eagle
Honorable Mentions: Teresa Russell (Grade 1), Northern United Charter, Bald Eagle; Ivan Rikwalt (Grade 3), Orleans Elementary, Wood Duck

Alya Nickell.
Bony McKnight.
(Left, from top) Fern Dodge, Winnie Bettencourt, Teresa Russell, Ivan Rikwalt.
(Right, from top) Alysse Gildea, Tadeus Furaha.
**Grade 4**

First Place: Eliska Crowell, Morris Elementary, California Quail
First Place: Hayden Stinebaugh, Morris Elementary, Red-breasted Nuthatch
Second Place: Zander Garlick, Fieldbrook Elementary, Barn Owl
Second Place: Nadine McCullough, Forks of Salmon Elementary, Bald Eagle
Third Place: Keira Dodds, Morris Elementary, Marsh Wren
Third Place: Tenley Weeks, Morris Elementary, Anna’s Hummingbirds
Honorable Mentions: Mehgan Blake, Morris Elementary, Wood Duck; Addison Bailey, Morris Elementary, American Avocet; Talon Turner, Morris Elementary, American Goldfinch; Becker Rine, Morris Elementary, Acorn Woodpecker

(Left, from top) Eliska Crowell, Keira Dodds.
(Right, from top) Hayden Stinebaugh, Tenley Weeks.
(Left, from top) Zander Garlick, Nadine McCullough, Addison Bailey, Meaghan Blake. (Right, from top) Talon Turner, Becker Rine, Violet Cook.
**Grade 5**

First Place: Valentino Markham, Coastal Grove Charter, Marbled Godwit  
Second Place: Rathlin Hemmingsen-Moon, Mistwood Educational Center, American Goldfinch  
Third Place: Violet Cook, Freshwater Elementary, Belted Kingfisher

![Marbled Godwit](image1) ![American Goldfinch](image2)

**Grades 6 through 8**

First Place: Meguire Bartosz (Grade 8), Alder Grove Charter, Northern Flicker  
Second Place: Bizou Massias (Grade 6), Mistwood Educational Center, Tufted Puffin  
Third Place: Shekina McCullough (Grade 7), Forks of Salmon Elementary, Spotted Owl  
Honorable Mention: Madison Finen (Grade 7), Mistwood Educational Center, Red-tailed Hawk

![Northern Flicker](image3) ![Tufted Puffin](image4) ![Spotted Owl](image5) ![Red-tailed Hawk](image6)

*(Left, from top) Valentino Markham, Shekina McCullough. (Right, from top) Rathlin Hemmingsen-Moon, Meguire Bartosz.*
Grades 9 through 12

First Place: Lena Vassel (Grade 9), Academy of the Redwoods, Pileated Woodpecker
Second Place: Finn Murphy (Grade 10), Arcata High, Great Horned Owl
Third Place: Annabelle Pastori (Grade 9), Academy of the Redwoods, American Robin
Honorable Mentions: Chaya Passler (Grade 9), Academy of the Redwoods, Osprey; Trinity Fleming (Grade 10), Academy of the Redwoods, Common Yellowthroat

(Left, from top) Bizou Massias, Lena Vassel.
(Right, from top) Madison Finen, Finn Murphy, Chaya Passler.
Best Depiction of a Bird in Its Habitat Awards

Cadence Fitzmaurice (Grade 3), Jacoby Creek Elementary, Cedar Waxwing; Lily Bazemore (Grade 6), Northcoast Preparatory Academy, Snowy Plovers; Saanvi Virnave (Grade 7), Sunnybrae Middle School, Belted Kingfisher

(Left, from top) Annabelle Pastori, Cadence Fitzmaurice. (Right, from top) Trinity Fleming, Lily Bazemore, Saanvi Virnave.