



21st Annual Student Bird Art Contest Results (2024)



This year, 660 pieces of art were submitted from Humboldt County students in grades K through 12. Some 44 cash prizes totaling \$700, plus 37 honorable mentions, were awarded in a ceremony at the Arcata Community Center in mid-April. All entries were displayed during the Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival.— *Sue Leskiw, Contest Organizer*



Kindergarten & Grade 1 award winners. Photo by Paul Johnson.

Kindergarten & Grade 1

First Place: Fiona Varzгах, Coastal Grove Charter, Belted Kingfisher

Second Place: Eliyana Sarley, Union Street Charter, American Avocet

Third Place: Faith Tucker, Kneeland School, Anna's Hummingbird

Honorable Mentions: Eleanor Taylor, Mistwood Educational Center, Chestnut-backed Chickadee; Lily Castillo, Union Street Charter, Spotted Owl; Mikael Goor-Arie, Mistwood Educational Center, Snowy Plovers



Fiona Varzгах.



Eliyana Sarley.



(From top) Faith Tucker; Mikael Goor-Arie.

(From top) Eleanor Taylor; Lily Castillo.



Grades 2&3 cash award winners. Photo by Paul Johnson.



Grades 2&3 Honorable Mention winners. Photo by Paul Johnson.

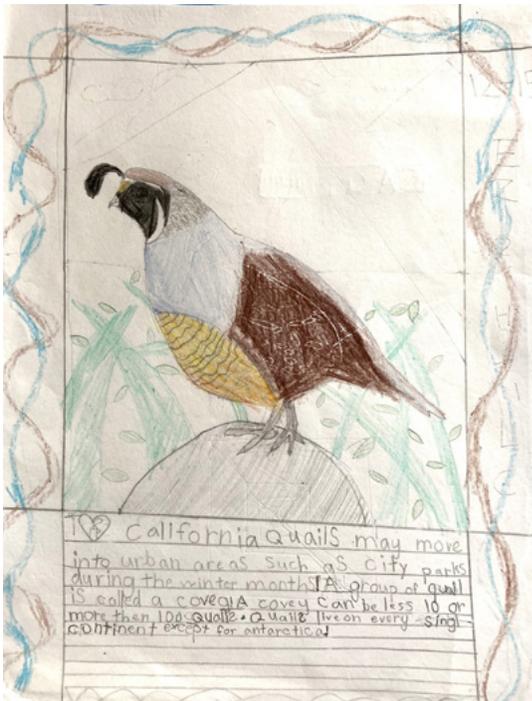
Grades 2&3

First Place: Franky Elfing, Redwood Coast Montessori, California Quail; Sylvia Tout, Garfield Elementary, Mallard; Ike Barrameda, Arcata Christian School, Spotted Owl

Second Place: Sarah Murphy, Homeschooled, American Robin; Anastasia Darning, Redwood Prep Charter, Bald Eagle; Aubree Harrison, Redwood Prep Charter, Northern Harrier

Third Place: Cully Stack, Northern United Charters-Willow Creek, White-breasted Nuthatch; Jon Larson, Morris Elementary, Great Horned Owl; Brynn Thrash, Garfield Elementary, Bufflehead

Honorable Mentions: Emily Redner, Fieldbrook Elementary, Anna's Hummingbird; Evelyn Kauffman, Garfield Elementary, Chestnut-backed Chickadee; Hazel Fisher, Seaforth Montessori, Tree Swallow; Jordan O'Connor, Fieldbrook Elementary, Common Loon; Gianna Enriquez, Arcata Christian, Anna's Hummingbird; Emilio Zaragoza, Redwood Christian, Great Blue Heron; Kira Osborne, Redwood Coast Montessori, Marbled Murrelet; Joah Nicely Alfaro, Fuente Nueva Charter, Peregrine Falcon



Franky Elfing.



Ike Barrameda.



(From top) Sylvia Tout; Sarah Murphy;
Jon Larson.

(From top) Anastasia Derning; Aubree Harrison;
Cully Stack; Brynn Thrash.



*(From top) Hazel Fisher; Evelyn Kauffman;
Jordan O'Connor.*

*(From top) Emily Redner; Gianna Enriquez;
Emilio Zaragoza.*



Kira Osborne.



Joah Nicely Alfaro.



Grade 4 cash award winners. Main photo by Paul Johnson; right photo by Sue Leskiw.



Grade 4 Honorable Mention winners. Photo by Paul Johnson.

Grade 4

First Place: Margot Nims, Garfield Elementary, Barn Swallow; Heidi Tout, Garfield Elementary, Common Loon; Penn Kerhoulas, Garfield Elementary, Mallard

Second Place: Harper Landry, Union Street Charter, Northern Harrier; Zemira Haas, Union Street Charter, Anna's Hummingbird; Rosemary Bornman, Northern United Charters, Great Gray Owl

Third Place: Henry Landis, Union Street Charter, Peregrine Falcon; Sam Castillo, Union Street Charter, Pileated Woodpecker; Bernardo Freitas, Northern United Charters, Peregrine Falcon

Honorable Mentions; Madden McCall, Northern United Charters-Briceland, Bufflehead; Raven Lovejoy, Union Street Charter, Anna's Hummingbird; Rain McBeth-Solares, Redwood Christian, American Avocet; Emma Varzгах, Coastal Grove Charter, Red-tailed Hawk; Nova Hyden, Cutten Elementary, Tufted Puffin; Harper Andersen, Cutten Elementary, American Goldfinch; Liam Kilgore, Cutten Elementary, American Avocet; Parker Budesа, Coastal Grove Charter, Marbled Godwit; Ellery Craydon, Union Street Charter, Western Grebes



(Left, from top) Margot Nims; Heidi Tout; Harper Landry; Zemira Haas. (Right, from top) Penn Kerhoulas; Rosemary Bornman; Sam Castillo.



(Left, from top) Henry Landis; Bernardo Freitas;
Madden McCall; Raven Lovejoy.
(Right, from top) Rain McBeth-Solares;
Nova Hyden; Ellery Craydon.



(Left, from top) Harper Andersen; Liam Kilgore. (Right, from top) Emma Varzguh; Parker Budesa.



(Top photo) Grades 5&6 cash award winners. Main photo by Paul Johnson; right photo by Sue Leskiw.
(Bottom photo) Grades 5&6 Honorable Mention winners. Photo by Paul Johnson.

Grades 5&6

First Place: Eva Tovar, Northern United Charters, Barn Owl; Rosemary Amaral, Scotia School, Anna's Hummingbird; Emma Ayres, Garfield Elementary, Black-crowned Night-Heron

Second Place: Ruby O'Hara, Morris Elementary, Spotted Owl; Milly Bornman, Northern United Charters, Peregrine Falcon; Makaila Finch, Hydesville Elementary, Wood Ducks

Third Place: Hadley Johnson, Pacific View Charter, Spotted Owl; Mia Hong-Novotney, Fuente Nueva Charter, Varied Thrush; Zahara Calkins, Scotia School, Anna's Hummingbird

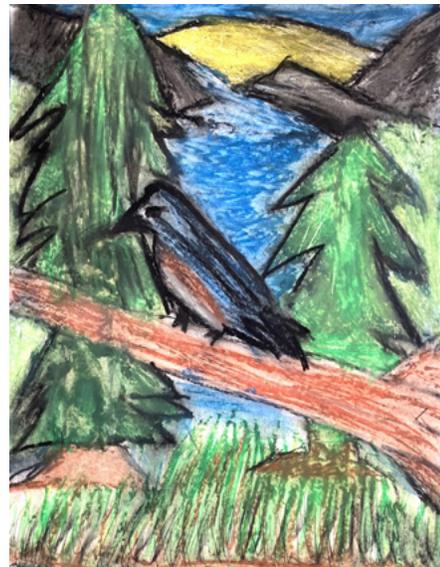
Honorable Mentions: Leonardo Freitas, Northern United Charters, Bald Eagle; Rooney O'Neill, Mistwood Educational Center, Funny Emo Pigeon; Alayia Vainuku, Blue Lake Elementary, Varied Thrush; Carissa Gonzales, Orick Elementary, Western Bluebird; Raven Mitchell, Scotia Elementary, Common Raven; Ava Johnson, Sunny Brae Middle School, Barn Owl; Angel Belz, Sunny Brae Middle School, Great Horned Owl; Matthew Jackson, Sunny Brae Middle School, Bufflehead; Felicity Smith, Redwood Prep Charter, Great Blue Heron



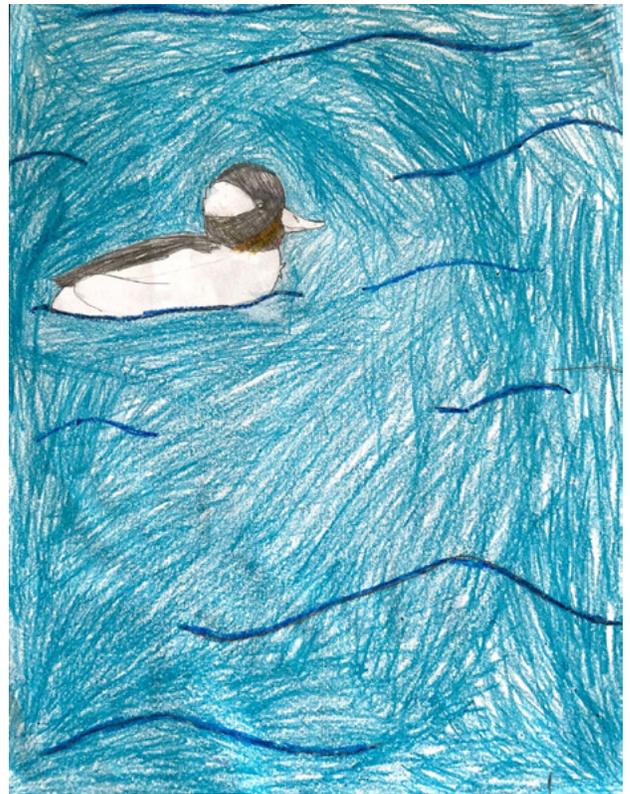
(Left, from top) Rosemary Amaral; Emma Ayres; Ruby O'Hara. (Right, from top) Eva Tovar; Zahara Calkins.



(From top) Milly Bornman; Makaila Finch; Mia Hong-Novotney; Leonardo Freitas.



(From top) Hadley Johnson; Carissa Gonzales; Angel Belz.



(Left, from top) Alayia Vainuku; Raven Mitchell;
Ava Johnson; Felicity Smith. (Right, from top)
Rooney O'Neill; Matthew Jackson.



Grades 7&8 award winners. Photo by Paul Johnson.

Grades 7&8

First Place: Peyton Wolff, Zane Middle School, Western Meadowlark

Second Place: Khloe Baird, Northern United Charters, Marsh Wren

Third Place: Vuunsip E-kot, Orleans Elementary, American Robin

Honorable Mentions: Hunter Olson, Winship Middle School, Osprey; Emma Webb, Zane Middle School, Varied Thrush; Rilynn Flanagan, Zane Middle School, Wood Duck; Adler Gordon, Hydesville Elementary, Marbled Godwit



*(Left, from top) Peyton Wolff; Vuunsip E-kot;
(Right) Khloe Baird.*



(Left, from top) Hunter Olson; Adler Gordon. (Right, from top) Emma Webb; Rilynn Flanagan.



Grades 9-12 award winners. Main photo by Paul Johnson; right photo by Sue Leskiw.

Grades 9-12

First Place: Evie Dowd, Northern United Charters, American Kestrel; Mariia Vasileva, Arcata High, Bald Eagle

Second Place: Sequoia Manchester, Eureka High, Steller's Jay; Ram Virnave, Academy of the Redwoods, Northern Harrier

Third Place: Emma Wiegandt, Eureka High, Anna's Hummingbird; October Mintey, Redwood Coast Montessori, Red-tailed Hawks

Honorable Mentions: Julia Brands, Arcata High, Snowy Plovers; Alysianna Fouquette, Academy of the Redwoods, White-tailed Kite; Sophia Piazza, Eureka High, Black-crowned Night-Heron; Ash Beltran, Eureka High, Great Blue Heron; Domanique Bennett, Eureka High, Red-breasted Nuthatch



(Left, from top) Evie Dowd; Mariia Vasileva; Sequoia Manchester. (Right, from top) Ram Virnave; Emma Wiegandt; October Mintey.



(Left, from top) Julia Brands; Alysiana Fouquette; Domonique Bennett. (Right, from top) Ash Beltran; Sophia Piazza.



Best Bird in Habitat award winners. Photo by Paul Johnson.

Best Bird in Habitat Awards

Miles Johnson, Grade 1, Union Street Charter, Bald Eagle; Aleksis Varnell, Grade 2, Pacific View Charter, Snowy Plover; Saebra Ester, Grade 4, Garfield Elementary, Cinnamon Teal (female); Kenna Klajic, Grade 9, Eureka High, White-tailed Kite; Sophia Grimmnett, Grade 10, Eureka High, Snowy Plover



*(Left, from top) Miles Johnson; Kenna Klajic.
(Right, from top) Aleksis Varnell; Saebra Ester;
Sophia Grimmnett.*