



17th Annual Student Bird Art Contest Results (2020)



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: Alysse 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

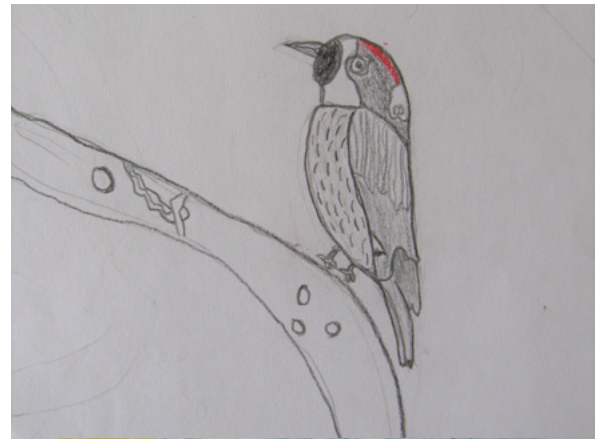
Third Place: Keira Dodds, Morris Elementary, Marsh Wren

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, Mehgan 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



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



(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

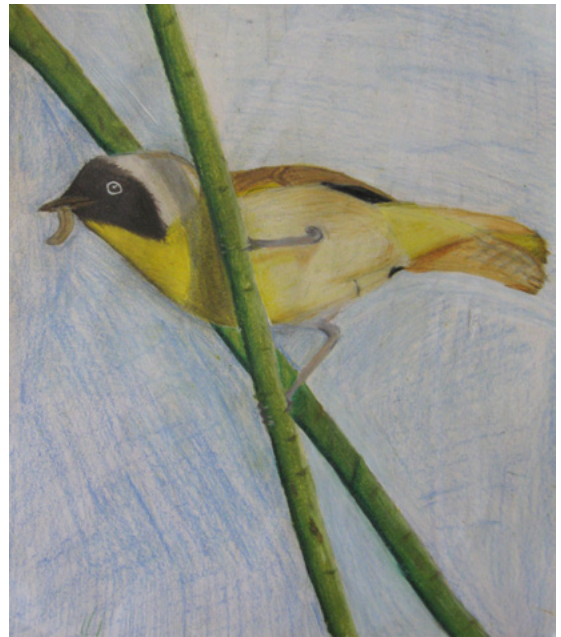
Second Place: Finn Murphy (Grade 10), Arcata High, Great Horned Owl

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.