20th Annual Student Bird Art Contest at Godwit Days

Co-sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) and Redwood Region Audubon Society (RRAS)

Humboldt County students from K through Grade 12 are eligible to enter.

Prizes: Up to $600 may be awarded; divisions to be determined based on number of entries received. Special awards for best renditions of a bird in its natural habitat.

Submission Rules: One entry per student. Maximum size of artwork, including any border material, is 8.5” x 11.” (A4 art paper, 8.3” x 11.7,” is also acceptable). Artwork must be light enough to be pushpinned to a wall for display. Subject must be a bird listed on the back of this flyer or another locally occurring species. Show off your skills using non-digital media, from paint to charcoal, graphite, markers, pastels, and more. Entries with glued-on components (e.g., glitter, twigs, grass) or created with pastel chalk must be submitted in plastic sleeves. Do not frame. Entries submitted by individual students, rather than through teachers, must include an envelope with sufficient postage stamps to cover return mailing cost. The following must be written legibly on the back of each entry: species of bird being depicted; student’s name and grade number; teacher’s name, e-mail, phone number, and school mailing address.

Return of Artwork: It is highly recommended that classrooms — especially those located at a distance — enclose a self-addressed return envelope (minimum size, 9”x12”), using postage stamps. Allow until early May for return of entries. Return packages must weigh less than 13 ounces. Entries lacking return envelopes will be held at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center until June 1 for teachers to pick up.

Announcement of Winners and Artwork Display: Winners will be announced and awarded prizes on Saturday, April 15 during a ceremony at the Arcata Community Center. Color copies of winning art will be displayed at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center during May and June. A reception for the general public is planned for mid-May. Winners’ names will be published in the FOAM newsletter and sent to local media. A booklet of all winning artwork and any artist photos taken during the awards ceremony will be posted at www.rras.org, www.arcatamashfriends.org, and www.godwitdays.org.

Deadline for Receipt of Entries: 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 18. Drop off at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, 569 South G Street, Arcata, or mail to Sue Leskiw, 155 Kara Lane, McKinleyville CA 95519. Contact sueleskiw1@gmail.com with any questions.

(see reverse side for list of suggested bird species)
Please select a species from the list below (or another **locally occurring bird**) when creating your artwork entry:

- American Avocet
- Bufflehead
- Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- Wood Duck
- Bald Eagle
- Great Egret
- Peregrine Falcon
- Purple Finch
- Northern Flicker
- Marbled Godwit
- American Goldfinch
- Western Grebe
- Northern Harrier
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Great Blue Heron
- Anna’s Hummingbird
- Steller’s Jay
- Belted Kingfisher
- White-tailed Kite
- Common Loon
- Western Meadowlark
- Marbled Murrelet
- Black-crowned Night-Heron
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Osprey
- Spotted Owl
- Snowy Plover
- Tufted Puffin
- California Quail
- American Robin
- Cliff Swallow
- Cinnamon Teal
- Forster’s Tern
- Varied Thrush
- Spotted Towhee
- Cedar Waxwing
- American Wigeon
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Marsh Wren
- Common Yellowthroat