13th Annual Student Bird Art Contest Results (2016)

This year, 980 pieces of art (a new record by over 200!) were submitted from Humboldt County students in grades K through 12. Some 38 cash prizes totaling $600, plus 35 honorable mentions, were awarded at the 21st annual Godwit Days Festival in mid-April.

— Sue Leskiw, Contest Organizer

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

**Kindergarten**

First Place: Ricardo Freitas, Mattole Valley Charter School, Mallard
Second Place: Caroline Taylor, Jacoby Creek School, Snowy Plovers
Third Place: Natalie Williams, Mattole Valley Charter School, Great Egret

**Grade 1**

First Place: Steve Adkins Hart, Dow’s Prairie School, Varied Thrush
First Place: Kaylani Keley, Dow’s Prairie School, Pileated Woodpecker
Second Place: Kendal Kingstrom, Dow’s Prairie School, Steller’s Jay
Second Place: Gaelen Creighton, Fuente Nueva Charter School, Hummingbird
Third Place: Rory Harling, Forks of Salmon Elementary School, Bald Eagle
Third Place: Violet Cook, Freshwater School, Chestnut-backed Chickadee
(Top to bottom) Ricardo Freitas; Caroline Taylor; Natalie Williams; Kendal Kingstrom.

(Top to bottom) Steve Adkins Hart; Rory Harling; Kaylani Keley; Gaelen Creighton; Violet Cook.
**Grade 2**

First Place: Calvin Gans, Redwood Prep Charter School, Common Loon  
First Place: Windstan Stratton, Coastal Grove Charter School, American Crow  
Second Place: Lorenzo Amaro, Fuente Nueva Charter School, Snowy Plover  
Second Place: Aleta LeGrand Stubblefield, Fuente Nueva Charter School, Bald Eagle  
Third Place: October Mintey, Ridgewood Elementary School, California Quail family  
Third Place: Jonah Morgan, Coastal Grove Charter School, Common Raven

**Grade 3**

First Place: Charlotte Brands, Pacific Union School, Great Horned Owl  
First Place: Alisha Paige Borglund, Jacoby Creek School, Wood Duck  
Second Place: Layla Marshall, Pacific Union School, American Crow  
Second Place: Solana Mendle, Fuente Nueva Charter School, Cedar Waxwing  
Third Place: Saanvi Virnave, Fuente Nueva Charter School, Common Yellowthroat  
Third Place: Ashlyn Bowen, Pacific Union School, Violet-green Swallow
(From top) Calvin Gans; Aleta LeGrand Stubblefield; October Mintey; Jonah Morgan.

(From top) Charlotte Brands; Alisha Paige Borglund; Layla Marshall; Ashlyn Bowen.
Grade 4
First Place: Bella Valentine, Orleans Elementary School, Spotted Owl
Second Place: Frida King, Fuente Nueva Charter School, American Avocet
Third Place: Caden Lewis, Redwood Coast Montessori, Great Blue Heron

Grade 5
First Place: Keani Young, Redwood Coast Montessori, American Avocet
Second Place: Rogue Russell, Union Street Charter School, Peregrine Falcon
Third Place: Ciara Miller, Kneeland School, Peregrine Falcon

Grades 6 through 9
First Place: Niniane Holland, Greensleeves Center for Education, Red-breasted Nuthatches
Second Place: Deja Coleman, Orleans Elementary School, Pileated Woodpecker
Third Place: Finn Murphy, Sunny Brae Middle School, Great Horned Owl

Grades 10 through 12
First Place: Tori McConnell, Academy of the Redwoods, “Guardian Godwit” (Marbled Godwit family)
Second Place: Martina Shannon, Eureka High School, Wood Duck
Third Place: Sage Balassa, Eureka High School, Snowy Plover chick
(Top to bottom) Bella Valentine; Frida King; Caden Lewis; Keani Young.

(Top to bottom) Rogue Russell; Ciara Miller; Niniane Holland; Deja Coleman.
Best Bird in Habitat Awards

Myah Visser, Kindergarten, Dow’s Prairie School, Spotted Owl; Ellie-May Martin, Grade 1, Dow’s Prairie School, Pileated Woodpecker; Daniel Hernandez, Grade 3, Pacific Union School, Marbled Godwit; Meguire Bartosz, Grade 4, Fuente Nueva Charter School, California Quail; Cheyanna Deaton, Grade 5, Kneeland School, Snowy Owl on the South Spit
Honorable Mentions

Kindergarten: Abby Omaha, Dow’s Prairie School, Anna’s Hummingbird; Taya Moore, Dow’s Prairie School, Tufted Puffin; Cecilia Aultman, Dow’s Prairie School, Purple Finches; Everett Gruetzmacher, Dow’s Prairie School, Tufted Puffin; Breana Sloyer, Dow’s Prairie School, Anna’s Hummingbird; Talon Turner, Dow’s Prairie School, Spotted Owl; Simon Zagone, Jacoby Creek School, Owl

Grade 1: Braden O’Brien, Jacoby Creek School, Marbled Godwit; Scarlett Wood, Fuente Nueva Charter School, Hummingbird; Emily Mather, Dow’s Prairie School, Pileated Woodpecker; Ella Grosjean, Dow’s Prairie School, Pileated Woodpecker; Brody Perkins, Dow’s Prairie School, Bald Eagle; Riley Harmon, Dow’s Prairie School, Varied Thrush

Grade 2: Patrick Wilson, Dow’s Prairie School, Dancing American Avocets; Sheena Beeman, Dow’s Prairie School, California Quail; Savannah Cringle, Dow’s Prairie School, Great Blue Heron; David Kleinz, Dow’s Prairie School, California Quail; Richie Alvarez, Fuente Nueva Charter School, American Avocet; Catarina Freitas, Mattole Valley Charter School, Wood Duck
Honorable Mention winners. Photo by Jay Seeger.

Grade 3: Tanayah Keisling-Limberg, Coastal Grove Charter School, Marbled Godwits; Ruby Williams, Mistwood Education Center, Great Blue Heron; Siena Krause, Pacific Union School, Great Blue Heron; Addison Wingate, Pacific Union School, Anna’s Hummingbirds; Olivia Ralph, Cutten School, Owls

Grades 4&5: Lenin Jacobsen, Redwood Coast Montessori, Tufted Puffin; Sequoia Ashby, Redwood Coast Montessori, Black-crowned Night-Heron; Sadie Breen, Union Street Charter School, Red-shouldered Hawk; Autumn Landando, Six Rivers Montessori, Western Grebes

Grades 7-12: Symon McDonald, Mattole Valley Charter School, White-tailed Kite; Alora Trammell, Mattole Valley Charter School, Golden Eagle; Brett Welch, Mattole Valley Charter School, Great Horned Owl; Anthony Kaftal, Alder Grove Charter School, Red-shouldered Hawk; Brandi May, Zoe Barnum High School, Lazuli Bunting; Ariane Cox-Lovel, Zoe Barnum High School, Black-capped Chickadee; Lydia Osborn, Zoe Barnum High School, Yellow-rumped Warbler

More Honorable Mention winners. Photo by Jay Seeger.