

# +2024 Youth Birding T-SHIRT



## ART CONTEST



**HEY KIDS!** Would you like **YOUR ARTWORK** to appear on the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Birding Competition T-shirt? How about winning an Amazon Gift Card?

**HOW TO ENTER:** All you need to do is draw or paint a **native Georgia bird\*** on paper or canvas and email a **JPG** photo of it by **February 1, 2024**, to **Linda.May@dnr.ga.gov**

- When photographing your artwork, please fill the frame fully and make sure the artwork appears straight (not tilted in any direction). Please use JPG/JPEG photo files (no PDFs or HEIC files).
- In the body of the email, include your name, school, age, grade level, city of residence, phone #, email address and the species name of the bird in your artwork.



**\* To highlight the diversity of bird species in Georgia, artwork must depict a bird OTHER THAN those previously featured on a YBC T-shirt. Species to exclude are American kestrel, Anna's hummingbird, barn owl, blue grosbeak, blue jay, blue-gray gnatcatcher, Carolina chickadee, golden eagle, great blue heron, great horned owl, loggerhead shrike, osprey, peregrine falcon, red-breasted nuthatch, yellow-breasted chat and yellow-rumped warbler.**

**PRIZES:** **Grand Prize Winner** will receive a \$100 Amazon Gift Card and his/her artwork will be featured on the 2024 Youth Birding Competition T-Shirt.

**Three other age division winners** will each receive a \$60 Amazon Gift Card.

**NEW this year:** **The runner-up** in each age division will receive a \$40 Amazon Gift Card! A surprise award also will be given to the best artwork by a birding participant.

- \* One winner will be selected from each of the following age/grade levels: Primary (Pre-K-2<sup>nd</sup>), Elementary (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>), Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade) & High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>).  
**Then the Grand Prize Winner will be chosen from the four age category winners.**

**OTHER CONTEST RULES:** The Youth Birding T-Shirt Art Contest is open to Georgia residents in PreK through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Although participation in the 2024 Youth Birding Competition (YBC) in April 2024 is encouraged, it is not required in order to submit artwork. Only one entry per person is allowed, and the submission must be the child's original artwork. Tracings & computer-generated artwork are prohibited.

**For more information, visit [www.georgiawildlife.com/YBCtshirtArtContest](http://www.georgiawildlife.com/YBCtshirtArtContest). Questions? Contact Linda May at (706) 319-0211 or [Linda.May@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Linda.May@dnr.ga.gov)**



## Tips for 2024 Youth Birding T-Shirt Art Contest Participants

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### **Make sure the bird species you draw or paint is native to Georgia and not previously featured on a Youth Birding Competition T-shirt.**

If you're not sure if a species is native to Georgia, consult a field guide to birds of the Eastern US. The species description and range map will tell you if the bird naturally occurs in Georgia or if it is introduced or exotic. Native resident and migratory birds qualify. Artwork of domesticated birds as well as naturalized exotic species (like house sparrows, pigeons, European starlings) will be disqualified. Also, **exclude species** that have previously appeared on a YBC T-shirt (American kestrel, Anna's hummingbird, barn owl, blue grosbeak, blue jay, blue-gray gnatcatcher, Carolina chickadee, golden eagle, great blue heron, great horned owl, loggerhead shrike, osprey, peregrine falcon, red-breasted nuthatch, yellow-breasted chat & yellow-rumped warbler).

### **Follow the contest rules regarding artwork type.**

Artwork must be flat (no 3D submissions) and created on paper or canvas. When photographing the artwork, please keep it straight and fill the camera frame as much as possible.

### **Pay attention to the bird's features. Draw or paint them accurately.**

If the judges can't tell what bird species is in your artwork, the picture won't work well on a T-shirt. Body proportions, beak shape & field marks are important (especially for older art contest participants).

### **To show up well on a T-shirt, the bird needs to be the main focus of your artwork.**

Simple backgrounds (especially species-specific habitat) are a plus, but your bird must stand out well. Put some thought into composition, context and contrasting colors.

### **Deep contrasting colors scan best for a T-shirt.**

Keep in mind that the winning artwork will be used on a T-shirt for both boys and girls. Fill in your colors well so that the bird can be seen well from a distance. If you use colored pencils (which often appear faint), press down hard or go over your lines several times for richer colors.

### **Email your artwork with the required information by the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to: [Linda.May@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Linda.May@dnr.ga.gov)**

In the body of your email, include your name, school, age, grade level, city of residence, phone #, e-mail address and the species name of the bird depicted in your artwork. Then attach a JPG/JPEG of your artwork (no PDFs or HEIC files please).

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