

2021 Youth Birding T-SHIRT ART CONTEST

HEY KIDS! Would you like YOUR ARTWORK to appear on the 16th Annual Youth Birding Competition T-shirt? How about winning an Amazon Gift Card so you can get FREE birding or art supplies?



HOW TO ENTER: All you need to do is draw or paint your favorite **native Georgia bird*** on paper or sheet canvas (at least 8x10" but no larger than 11x17") and email a photo of it by **Wednesday, MARCH 10, 2021** to:



- When photographing your artwork, please fill the frame fully and make sure the artwork appears straight (not tilted in any direction). Camera or smartphone photos are fine.
- Be sure to include your name, school, age, grade level, city where you live, phone #, e-mail address and the species name of the bird in your artwork.



* Bird in artwork must not be a species previously featured on a YBC T-shirt (refrain from depicting Anna's hummingbird, barn owl, blue grosbeak, blue jay, blue-gray gnatcatcher, Carolina chickadee, great blue heron, great horned owl, osprey, peregrine falcon, red-breasted nuthatch, yellow-breasted chat or yellow-rumped warbler).

PRIZES: Grand Prize Winner will receive a \$100 Amazon Gift Card and his/her artwork will be featured on the 2021 Youth Birding Competition T-Shirt. **Three other winners*** will each receive a \$50 Amazon Gift Card.



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

NOTE: *If the April 23-24 Youth Birding Competition is cancelled due to COVID, T-shirts will not be produced this year. However, gift card prizes will still be awarded.*

OTHER CONTEST RULES: The Youth Birding T-Shirt Art Contest is open to Georgia residents in PreK through 12th grade. Although participation in the 2021 Youth Birding Competition (YBC) on April 23-24 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 not allowed.

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



Tips for 2021 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 and starlings) will be disqualified. Also, refrain from depicting any bird previously featured on a YBC T-shirt (Anna's hummingbird, barn owl, blue grosbeak, blue jay, blue-gray gnatcatcher, Carolina chickadee, great blue heron, great horned owl, osprey, peregrine falcon, red-breasted nuthatch, yellow-breasted chat and yellow-rumped warbler).

Follow the contest rules regarding artwork size and shape.

Artwork must be flat and measure at least 8x10" but no larger than 11x17" and on paper or sheet 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 appropriate habitats) 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.

NEW in 2021 - Electronic artwork submissions are required! No mail or delivery!

Email your artwork with the required information by the March 10th deadline to:

Linda.May@dnr.ga.gov

Be sure to include your name, school, age, grade level, city where you live, phone #, e-mail address and the species name of the bird featured in your artwork.

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