

2023 Audubon Art Exhibition and Contest Information

The Columbus Chapter of the National Audubon Society and Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center are co-sponsoring the **11th ANNUAL ART CONTEST**.

This event is open to the community to students in Georgia and Alabama grades K-12 in Muscogee, Chattahoochee, Harris, Russell, and Lee Counties. Entries may be submitted physically to Oxbow Meadows by hand delivery or by mail. Entries will be divided into the following grade groupings for judging: K-2nd, 3-5th, 6-8th, and 9-12th. Ribbons will be presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each age group. One submission per student will be accepted.

INFORMATION, RULES, and ENTRY FORM are included in this document; these documents are also available on Oxbow Meadows' website. All information on the Entry Form must be completed, including the *Artist Statement* (what the bird eats, where it can be found, and how the bird fits the contest theme, etc.) and can be handwritten.

ARTIST STATEMENT: One of the principle purposes of this event is to encourage students to learn about birds, their beauty, and their role in the natural world. Elementary students (K-5th) will be required to write two facts about the animal and how their selection fits the contest theme. Middle school students (6-8th) will be required to complete one paragraph and High school students (9-12th) will be required to write two paragraphs of information, including two facts about the bird and how their selection applies to the contest theme. Secondary grades must also answer how their bird has been affected by climate change (not required for elementary students). Artist statement must fit on the page provided.

2023 THEME: "WATERBIRDS & WADING BIRDS OF GEORGIA"

Suggested bird species include, but are not limited to:

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| 1. Wood Duck | 7. Double-crested Cormorant |
| 2. American Coot | 8. Anhinga |
| 3. Ruddy Duck | 9. Brown or White Pelican |
| 4. Belted Kingfisher | 10. Great Blue or Green Heron |
| 5. Hooded or Common Merganser | 11. Great or Snowy Egret |
| 6. Least Sandpiper | 12. Sandhill Crane |

DEADLINE for SUBMISSION of ART: Art must reach Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center before 4 pm on Friday, February 24th.

AWARDS CEREMONY: Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 1:30 pm at Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center.

JUDGING: March 6-10, 2023

ART and/or PRIZE PICK-UP: TBD

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Artwork must be two dimensional and created on paper. Canvas will not be accepted.

SIZE: Art paper MUST be 8 ½" x 11" or 11" x 14"

MOUNTING: All artwork must be mounted. A 1-2" border is recommended. Mounted artwork must not exceed 15" x 18". See last page for proper mounting example.

ART MEDIUMS

TRADITIONAL ART

- a) True to life as in the work of traditional wildlife artists. If possible, bird(s) should be easily identifiable with accurate color and markings.
- b) any 2-D medium (please notate specific medium(s) used on Artist Statement). Please seal chalk and pastel medium.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Must be printed 8" x 10".

DIGITAL ART

Must be artist made and not reproduced from another source.

Audubon Art Exhibition Student Entry Form

Student's Name:

Parent/Teacher's Name:

Parent/Teacher's Email:

School Name:

Parent/Teacher Phone Number:

Cut on the line above. The above information must be securely attached to the **BACK** of the student's artwork.

Before sending artwork to Oxbow Meadows:

- Read the contest rules and requirements!
- All information is written clearly and legibly
- The student's name or any identifying information is **NOT** present on the front of the artwork or artist statement page.
- Artwork and mounting meet size requirements
- The **Student Entry Form** is securely attached to the **BACK** of the artwork
- The **Bird Information and Artist Statement** is securely attached on the **FRONT** of the art for judging.
- If you have questions please reference the **Dimensions and Mounting Do's & Dont's**

Elementary Grade Category: K-2nd 3-5th

Art Medium:

Bird Information

Bird Name:

What does it eat:

In what type of habitat is the bird normally found?

This bird is found in Georgia:

All year

Spring

Summer

Fall

Winter

Artist Statement

Elementary school entries: Write (at least) two facts about your bird and how your selection fits this year's theme.

Secondary Grade Category: 6-8th 9-12th

Art Medium:

Bird Information

Bird Name:

What does it eat:

In what type of habitat is the bird normally found?

This bird is found in Georgia:

All year

Spring

Summer

Fall

Winter

Artist Statement

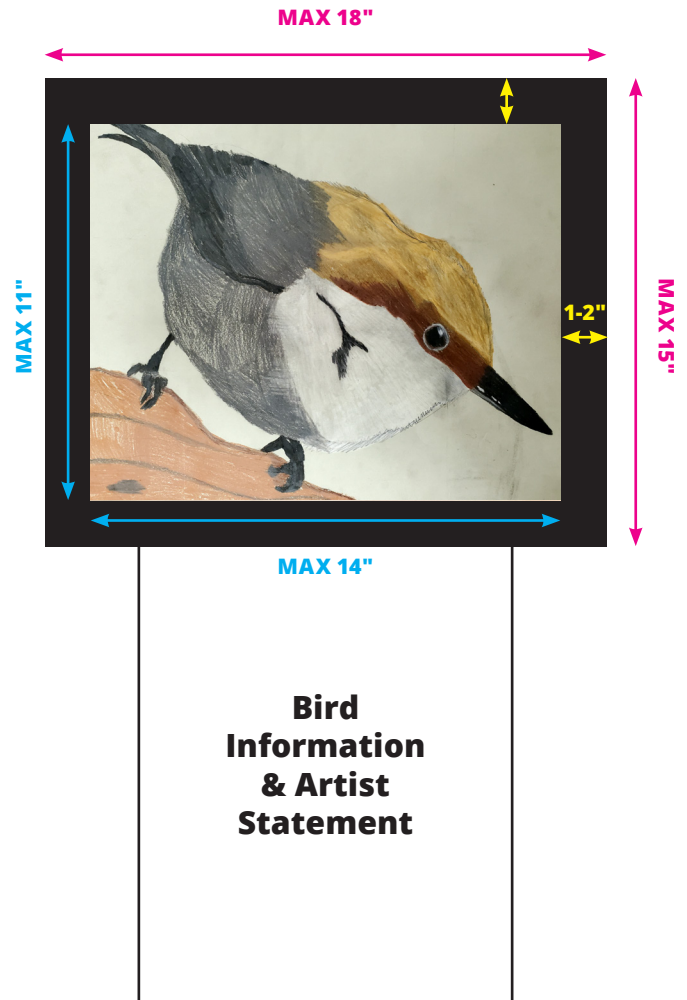
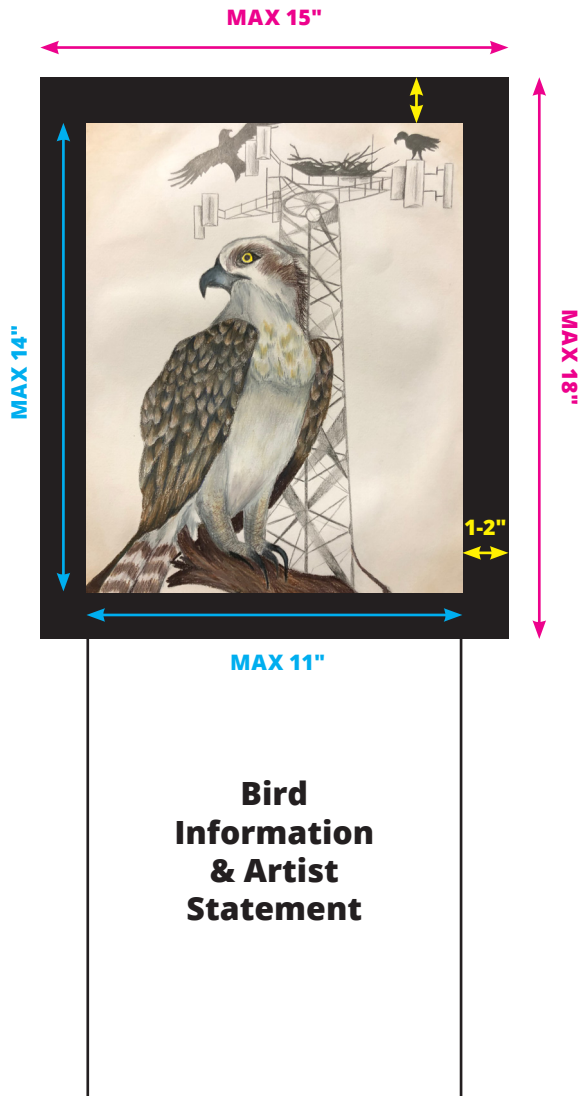
Middle school entries: Write (at least) **one paragraph** with (at least) two facts and how it fits this year's theme.

High school entries: Write (at least) **two paragraphs** with (at least) two facts and how it fits this year's theme.

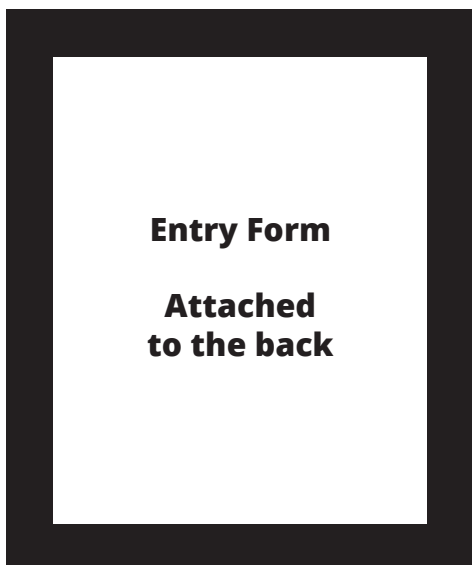
All middle and high school entries must also answer: **How has your bird's habitat or behavior been affected by climate change?**

Mounting Quick Tips!

FRONT



BACK



RULES AND REGULATIONS

Artwork Size:

Minimum Size 8"x10"
Maximum Size 11"x14"

Mounting Size:

Mounted boarder should be between 1"-2"
Maximum Size 15"x18"

Artwork must be two dimensional and created on paper. Canvas or board can not be accepted.

All loose chalk, charcoal, or pastel mediums must be sealed or fixed.

NAMES SHOULD NOT BE VISIBLE ON THE FRONT OF THE ARTWORK.

**Audubon Art Contest
Judging Rubric**

Identifier: _____

Grade Category: K-2 3-5 6-8 9-12

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Artistic Statement	The student's artistic statement does not include any information.	The student's artistic statement includes only one fact.	The student's artistic statement includes two facts.	The student's artistic statement includes two or more facts as well as an explanation.
Writing presentation	None of the written portion of the was completed.	The written portion has a few details but is missing elements.	The written portion is completed and provided minimum responses to each item.	The written portion is completed and provides detailed responses to each item.
Artwork guidelines and presentation	The art and presentation are not in accordance with guidelines and theme of the contest.	The art and presentation are somewhat in accordance with guidelines and theme of the contest.	The art and presentation are only in accordance with the guidelines or the theme of the contest	The art and presentation are both in accordance with the guidelines and theme of the contest.
Thematic adherence	The student's art does not fit the theme.	The student's art focus on somewhat on the theme.	The student's art focuses on the theme.	The student's art focuses on more than one requirement of the theme.
Creativity	The art is not original or distinct.	The art is somewhat original and distinct.	The art is either original or distinct.	The art is both original and distinct.

Note: Judges have the right to exclude any art from consideration in the contest.