

## About the 2016 Alaska Migratory Bird Calendar Contest

### ***“Alaska’s Birds – Colorful and Camouflaged”*** is this year’s calendar theme.

#### **What?**

The Alaska Migratory Bird Calendar Contest (formerly the Goose Calendar Contest) is a state-wide poster and literature competition. The 2016 contest has begun and the entry deadline is Friday, February 13, 2015.

#### **Why?**

The purpose of the contest is to encourage local children to learn about bird conservation.

#### **Who?**

K-12 students (public, private or home-schooled) residing in or adjacent to the North Slope Borough and the following National Wildlife Refuges: Alaska Maritime, Alaska Peninsula/Becharof, Arctic, Innoko, Izembek, Koyukuk, Nowitna, Selawik, Togiak, Yukon Delta and now, **Yukon Flats** may enter.

In November or December the local Refuge should contact eligible schools in the area about the contest. If you are not sure of your eligibility, contact your nearby Refuge or email [laura\\_whitehouse@fws.gov](mailto:laura_whitehouse@fws.gov) . Students living in other communities outside those described above are welcome to compete in the [Junior Duck Stamp Contest](#).

#### **Three ways to Win!**

- 1. Local Contest.** When entries arrive at Fish & Wildlife Service offices in February, each office conducts a local contest with the help of 5 local judges. They select winners in each of the four calendar categories for both poster and literature entries (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12). Non-successful local entries are returned to their schools.
- 2. State-wide Contest.** Each Fish & Wildlife Service office (there are 10 this coming year) sends their 24 local winning entries to Anchorage for the state-wide contest. Five independent judges select 12 state-wide literature and 12 state-wide poster winners (3 in each of the calendar categories above) to be printed in the 2015 calendar. They also select 1 Grand Prize Literature and 1 Grand Prize Poster winner. Local entries that were not chosen as state-wide winners are sent back to the Fish & Wildlife office they came from.
- 3. Certificates of Appreciation.** Every student that submits an entry receives a "Certificate of Appreciation" signed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.