

# About the 2020 Alaska Migratory Bird Calendar Contest

## This year's calendar theme

### ***“AK Bird Babies”***

#### **What?**

The Alaska Migratory Bird Calendar Contest (formerly the Goose Calendar Contest) is a state-wide poster and literature competition. The 2020 contest has begun check with your Refuge on appropriate due dates.

#### **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, Kodiak, Selawik, Togiak, Yukon Delta, Yukon Flats, and Tetlin may enter.

Sometime this fall or early winter, refuges should be contacting eligible schools in the local area about the contest. If you are not sure of your eligibility, contact your nearest refuge. Students living in other communities outside those areas described above are welcome to compete in the [Junior Duck Stamp Contest](#).

#### **Four ways to Win!**

- 1. Local Contest** -- After entries arrive at Fish & Wildlife Service offices, each office conducts a local contest with the help of four or five 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 sends their 24 local winning entries to Anchorage for the state-wide contest. Four or five independent judges select 12 state-wide literature and 12 state-wide poster winners (three in each of the grade categories) to be printed in the upcoming calendar. The judges also select one Grand Prize Literature and one Grand Prize Poster winner to grace the calendar cover. Local entries not chosen as state-wide winners are sent back to the Fish & Wildlife office from which they came.
- 3. Managers' Prime Picks** -- If your local participating refuge or office does not have a winner in the statewide judging, the local Refuge manager selects one 'Manager's Prime Pick' to be published in the calendar.
- 4. Certificates of Appreciation** -- Every student submitting an entry receives a "Certificate of Appreciation" signed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.