

**Wyoming Junior Duck Stamp Design Winners Announced for 2018 Contest:  
Two students from Cody & Powell will advance to National Contest**

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The winners of the 2018 Wyoming Junior Duck Stamp Program were recently announced from the 546 total art entries that were received from around the state, from students in kindergarten up to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students can also include a “conservation message” with their art, which summarizes what they learned through the program. Emma Waite, age 17, of Powell, WY submitted this year’s winning conservation message:

“Conservation is a way we can give back to the environment and preserve it for future generations.”

Wyoming’s 2018 Best of Show artwork, pictured below, is an oil paint rendition of a ruddy duck drake, titled “Ruddy Duck” by Kateri Bell, age 18, of Cody, WY.



Kateri Bell’s oil painting of the ruddy duck and Emma Waite’s conservation message will both advance to represent Wyoming at the 2018 National Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest which will be held Friday, April

20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Bismarck, ND from 10am to 12pm MDT. A panel of judges will choose a Best of Show at the national level which will be printed on the 2017-2018 National Junior Duck Stamp. The new Junior Duck Stamp will be released in June of 2018 and will be available for \$5 at [www.duckstamp.com](http://www.duckstamp.com) as well as from some U.S. Postal Service locations, National Wildlife Refuges, and through the Amplex Corporation. Proceeds from the sale of the stamps support conservation education and provide prizes, awards and scholarships for students participating in the Junior Duck Stamp Program.

Wyoming's Junior Duck Stamp Program also awards a "Betty Nelson Artistic Promise Award" to the youngest age group, K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades, to an artist the judges feel exhibits exemplary artistic promise. This year's Betty Nelson Artistic Promise Award went to Tessa Davis, age 9, of Kemmerer, WY for a watercolor depiction of two pintail drakes, which is pictured below.



This dynamic educational program uses both conservation and design principles to teach wetland habitat and waterfowl biology to students in kindergarten through high school. The art contest provides an opportunity for students to artistically express their knowledge of the diversity and beauty of waterfowl and their habitat. Educational guides for youth, educators, home school, and non-traditional education are available through the Junior Duck Stamp Program. Please visit [www.fws.gov/refuge/seedskaadee/wyjrduck](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/seedskaadee/wyjrduck) or contact Katie Theule (307) 413-8157 or [Katie\\_Theule@fws.gov](mailto:Katie_Theule@fws.gov) for free copies.

A big thank you goes to Wyoming Ducks Unlimited, who helped provide prizes and support for Wyoming's program. The teachers and parents who encourage their students to participate in the program – especially Lori Maples of Wilson, Kelly and Moran; Jim Gilman of Powell; Jake Parks of Kemmerer; Elizabeth Cogbern Birnie and Sarah McWhorter of Jackson; and Janie Bennington and Dennis Nate of Cokeville – deserve recognition for their continued involvement in the program.

We would also like to thank this year's contest judges who donated their time and expertise, listed in order pictured below, from left to right: Dave Kimble with the USFWS, Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program; Joy Bannon of Wyoming Wildlife Federation; Mindi Crabb from the Jackson Hole Land Trust Green River Valley Program; Marty Carollo of Wyoming Ducks Unlimited; and Sheila Deinhardt with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

The judges are each holding one of the top four entries for the state contest, and the Betty Nelson Artistic Promise Award winner from the youngest age group, the artwork left to right is:

- Pintail drakes by Tessa Davis, age 9 of Kemmerer - winner of the Betty Nelson Artistic Promise Award
- A northern shoveler drake "Misted Rose Mornings" by Julia Kay O'Neill, of Powell - 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up for Best of Show
- A great white-fronted goose, "Sunny Morning" by Harriet Pimentil of Powell - 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up for BOS
- A ruddy duck drake, "Ruddy Duck" by Kateri Bell of Cody - Best of Show (BOS)
- A cinnamon teal drake, "Floating in the Blue" by Sophe Morrow of Powell - 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up for BOS



The contest was judged in four age groups, Group I included Kindergarten through 3rd grade, Group II - 4th grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Group III - 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and Group IV - 10<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The following is a list of first, second, and third places, as well as the honorable mentions and recognition for creativity from each group for student's Wyoming Junior Duck Stamp Program artwork.

\* Indicates the artwork was recognized by the judges for outstanding creativity through the pose, composition, use of color etc. Some of the artwork recognized for creativity did not place and are listed after the honorable mentions in each age group.

**Group I (grades K-3):**

Place	First Name	Last Name	Age	City
1st	Kycen	Moore	9	Cokeville
1st	Anna	Smith	9	Kemmerer/Diamondville
1st-Betty Nelson Artistic Promise Award	Tessa	Davis	9	Kemmerer/Diamondville
2nd	Bellamy	Crehan	8	Kelly
2nd	Evelyn	Klein	11	Moran
2nd	Cole	Rogers	9	Kemmerer/Diamondville
3rd	Cooper	Bird	8	Cokeville
3rd	Noah	Parks	8	Kemmerer/Diamondville
3rd	Ledger	Ellis	9	Kemmerer/Diamondville
HM	Shilah	Thompson	9	Wilson
HM	Charlotte	Kilgrow	9	Wilson
HM	Phoebe	Turner	9	Kelly
HM	Charlie	Newcomb	8	Kelly
HM	Jack	Mayer	8	Kelly
HM	Maddie	Valdez	9	Moran
HM	Joey	Thomas	8	Cokeville
HM	Bentley	McKinnon	6	Cokeville
HM	Kynlee	Pinter	8	Cokeville
HM	Kooper	Hansell	8	Cokeville
HM	Tanner	Hatling	8	Pine Haven
HM	Temperance	Henrie	9	Kemmerer/Diamondville
HM	Samantha	Viviano	8	Kemmerer/Diamondville
HM	Naiya	Dunn	9	Kemmerer/Diamondville
HM*	Lola	Mizelle	8	Kelly
HM*	Ally	Bartschi	9	Kemmerer/Diamondville
Creative Recognition:				
*	Rylan	Smerklo	9	Jackson
*	Ella	Eggers	5	Kelly
*	Miles	Krasula	6	Kelly
*	Jack	Edmiston	9	Moran
*	Kashton	Walker	8	Cokeville
*	Jade	Villarreal	9	Kemmerer/Diamondville
*	Jake	Taylor-Swearengin	8	Kemmerer/Diamondville
*	Kimberleigh	Goodman	9	Kemmerer/Diamondville

**Group II (grades 4-6):**

Place	First Name	Last Name	Age	City
1st	Liam	Thompson	10	Wilson
1st	Michael	KleinCruz		Wilson
1st	Cooper	Guild	10	Kelly
2nd	Bill	Robinson	10	Jackson

2nd	Bryce	Judd	11	Wilson
2nd	Carter	Hatling	10	Pine Haven
3rd	Taylor	Moe	9	Wilson
3rd	Leah	Wilber	9	Kelly
3rd	Mia	Dayton	9	Cokeville
HM	Scarlett	Lustfield	10	Jackson
HM	Dune	McCartney	10	Jackson
HM	Maddie	McNamara	11	Wilson
HM	Emma	Jones	10	Wilson
HM	Sam	Horstmann	11	Wilson
HM	Lucas	Milligan	10	Wilson
HM	Jack	Conroy	10	Wilson
HM	Josephine	Kitto	11	Wilson
HM	Genevieve	Jenkins	11	Wilson
HM	Ryan	Glick	10	Wilson
HM	Sam	Revoll	10	Kelly
HM	Quincy	Judd	10	Kelly
HM	Sam	Dornan	11	Kelly
HM	Georgia	Evans-Wilson	10	Kelly
HM	Alison	Burcham	11	Kelly
HM*	Maddie	Ryan	10	Wilson
Creative Recognition:				
*	Wyatt	Holland	9	Arvada
*	EJ	Van Genderen	10	Jackson
*	Adrienne	Howard	10	Jackson
*	Ella	Steinberg	11	Wilson
*	Vanessa	Jorgensen	10	Wilson
*	Elowyn	Hansen	10	Wilson
*	Grace	Deslauriers	10	Wilson
*	Howard	Watson	10	Cokeville
*	Ammon	Hatch	9	Cokeville

**Group III (grades 7-9):**

Place	First Name	Last Name	Age	City
1st	Augusta	Larsen	15	Powell
1st	Ashton	Brewer	15	Powell
1st - 3rd Runner Up for BOS	Sophe	Morrow	15	Powell
2nd	Raelynn	Ramsey	14	Powell
2nd	Emery	Terry	15	Powell
2nd*	Kallie	Brooks	15	Cokeville
3rd	Riley	O'Mara	14	Powell
3rd	Zoe	Gaisford	15	Powell
3rd	Nate	Barnes	14	Cokeville
HM	Paige	Johnson	15	Powell
HM	Jenna	Merritt	15	Powell
HM	Adrian	Geller	14	Powell
HM	Isaac	Wilson	14	Powell
HM	Demi	Harmon	14	Cokeville
HM	Ammon	Halls	14	Cokeville
HM	Ryann	Almendariz	14	Cokeville
HM	Landon	Walker	13	Cokeville
HM	Justin	Floyd	13	Cokeville
HM	Rileyanne	Floyd	12	Cokeville

HM	Conner	Viehweg	14	Cokeville
HM	Rylie	Payne	12	Cokeville
HM	Kayla	Teichert	14	Cokeville
HM	Michael	Cook	13	Cokeville
HM*	Brenda	Bencomo		Cokeville
HM*	Hunter	Thomas	13	Cokeville
Creative Recognition:				
*	Kameron	Luthi	12	Cokeville

#### Group IV (grades 10-12):

Place	First Name	Last Name	Age	City
1st - 1st Runner Up BOS	Julia Kay	O'Neill	17	Powell
1st - Best of Show	Kateri	Bell	18	Cody
1st - 2nd Runner Up BOS	Harriet	Pimentil	18	Powell
2nd	Brianna	Simmons	17	Powell
2nd	Magdalene	Cruz	16	Powell
2nd	Devin	Hodges	18	Hulett
3rd	Eric	Anderson	17	Cody
3rd & BOS Conservation Message	Emma	Waite	17	Powell
3rd*	Hannah	Saville	16	Powell
HM	Skylar	Cooley	15	Powell
HM	Colby	Bennett	16	Powell
HM	Shaelynn	Therault	17	Powell
HM	Dylan	Preator	15	Powell
HM	Kenlee	Stenlund	17	Powell
HM	Addison	Petrie	18	Powell
HM	Olivia	Hobby	17	Powell
HM	Gabri	Lundberg	16	Powell
HM	Alina	O'Leary	16	Powell
HM	Sloane	Asay	16	Powell
HM	Alexandra	Escalera	15	Powell
HM	Hartly	Thorington	17	Powell
HM	Austin	Benson	16	Cokeville
HM	Cydney	Brown		Cokeville
HM*	Brylee	Schuler	16	Powell
HM*	Kaylee	Cornia	17	Cokeville
Creative Recognition:				
*	William	Preator	17	Powell
*	Bryce	Hogen	16	Powell
*	Braden	Schiller	18	Powell
*	Mckinsey	Lynn		Powell
*	Sarah Jayne	Floyd	16	Cokeville

Students submitted artwork featuring the following native North American species: whistling ducks, swans, geese, dabbling ducks, diving ducks, sea ducks, mergansers, stiff tails, or Hawaiian ducks. A full list of permitted species is available online at [www.fws.gov/juniorduck](http://www.fws.gov/juniorduck). Artwork entries were judged on the basis of original design, anatomical accuracy, artistic composition and suitability for reproduction on a 1" by 1.5" stamp. For more information on contest rules and educational materials for teachers and supervising adults visit [www.fws.gov/refuge/seedskadee/wyjrduck](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/seedskadee/wyjrduck).

Copies of the winning artwork will be exhibited around the state. The tour will start April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Seedskadee National Wildlife Refuge in Southwestern Wyoming. Jackson, Powell, Green River, Gillette, Sheridan, Casper, and Cheyenne are some of the scheduled stops on the tour. A detailed schedule of the tour will be available soon online at [www.fws.gov/refuge/seedskadee/wyjrduck](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/seedskadee/wyjrduck). An online gallery of the top 100+ entries will also be available soon from [www.fws.gov/refuge/seedskadee/wyjrduck](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/seedskadee/wyjrduck).

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