

**Wyoming Junior Duck Stamp Design Winners Announced for 2019 Contest:  
Two students from Cody & Cokeville will advance to National Contest**

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The winners of the 2019 Wyoming Junior Duck Stamp Program were recently announced from the 211 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. Cydney Brown, age 15, of Cokeville, WY submitted this year’s winning conservation message:

“A future without conservation is like a canvas without paint.”

Wyoming’s 2019 Best of Show artwork, pictured below, is a watercolor rendition of a pair of northern pintail drakes, titled “Pintails in Flight” by Brianna Simmons, age 18, of Cody, WY.



Brianna Simmons’s watercolor of the pintails and Cydney Brown’s conservation message will both advance to represent Wyoming at the 2019 National Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest which will be held Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, MD. A panel of judges will choose a Best of Show at the national level which will be printed on the 2018-2019 National Junior Duck Stamp. The new Junior Duck Stamp will be released in June of 2019 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 – 6th grades, to an artist the judges feel exhibits exemplary artistic promise. This year's Betty Nelson Artistic Promise Award went to Kashton Walker, age 9, of Cokeville, WY for a colored pencil depiction of a harlequin drake, 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 our volunteer Shelley Koerner, who helped provide organizational support for Wyoming's program, as well as the teachers and parents who encourage their students to participate in the program – especially Lori Maples of Wilson, Jim Gilman of Powell, Elizabeth Birnie of Jackson, Kent Hatling and Harold Hatch and Dennis Nate of Cokeville – who especially 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: Shaily Harshbarger of University of Wyoming Extension for Lincoln County; Patrick Newell photographer, Ellen Newell artist, Regina Dickson of Wyoming Game and Fish Department and Troy Feisler of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.



The judges are each holding one of the top five entries for the contest, the artwork left to right is:

- Pintail drakes by Brianna Simmons, age 18 of Cody – Wyoming’s 2019 Best of Show
- A tundra swan “Swan Song” by Brylee Schuler, of Powell - 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up for Best of Show (BOS)
- A trumpeter swan, “Effortlessly Pretty” by Kaylee Cornia of Cokeville - 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up for BOS
- A redhead drake, “Red Dawn” by Riley Schiller of Powell – 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up for BOS
- An American wigeon drake, by Jace Bohlman of Powell – 4<sup>th</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	Title	City
1st	Whitli	Groll	Blue Spot Duck	Cokeville
1st	Soleil	Wu	Violet Swan	Wilson
1st	Sonnie	Sale	Pretty Duck	Wilson
2nd	William	Harrild	Swimming Duck	Cokeville
2nd	Sara	Brooks	Wild Duck	Cokeville
2nd	Laik	Daavettetilax	The Big Duck	Wilson
3rd	Lexi	Larsen	Gliding Tundra Swan	Cokeville
3rd	Joseph	Thomas	Calm Morning	Cokeville
3rd	Delaney	Judd	Golden Duck	Wilson
HM	Zachary	Bell	Swimming Duck	Cokeville
HM	Taylor	Nate	Floating Duck	Cokeville

HM	Serenity	Johnson	The Swan	Cokeville
HM	Mckenzie	Payne	Peaceful Duck	Cokeville
HM	Killian	Tiechert	Cool Gerid	Cokeville
HM	Ridge	Barners		Cokeville
HM	Jace	Barnes	Diving Duck	Cokeville
HM	Emmitt	Groll	Floating Duck	Cokeville
HM	Bentley	McKinnon	Specil Bird	Cokeville
HM	Myles	Dayton	Not Duck	Cokeville
HM	Alex	Bullington	Midnight Watch	Wilson
HM	Jasper	Gray	Lookout 12	Wilson
HM	Rory	Coleman	Duck Craft	Wilson
HM	Liv	Bosch	"The Duck"	Wilson
HM	Davis	Handschin	Sunset	Wilson
HM	Maxine	Conlan	Swimming in Water	Wilson
HM	Tanner	Hatling	Late Fall Red	Pine Haven
HM	Bridger	Hatling	Mr. Mallard	Pine Haven
<b>Creative Recognition:</b>				
*	Livi	Thornock	Amazing Duck	Cokeville
*	Brylee	Nate	My Pretty Duck	Cokeville
*	Kynleigh	Davis	My Colrfl Bird	Cokeville
*	Brooke	Combs	Midnight Swim	Wilson
*	Cat	McNaughton	Midnight	Wilson
*	Sandra	Reed	Golden Eye Hatching at Sunset	Wilson
*	Scarlet	Stout	Fluffy	Wilson
*	Marlowe	Conlan	Golden Eye	Wilson
*	Finnley	Hanson	Willowby Chase	Wilson

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

Place	First Name	Last Name	Title	City
1st	Gentry	Kirkland	The Teal	Cokeville
1st	Metta	Curzon	Merganser	Wilson
1st - Betty Nelson				
Artistic Promise Award	Kashton	Walker	Peaceful Bird	Cokeville
2nd	Flint	Linford	Ruddy Duck	Cokeville
2nd	Taylor	Moe	Mallard on the Pond	Wilson
2nd*	Julia	Krugh	Swan Sunset	Wilson
3rd	Bodee	Vierig	Flying Duck	Cokeville
3rd	Beau	Jackman	Pretty Swan	Cokeville
3rd	Chenzee	Jensen	Mr. Duck	Cokeville
HM	Chase	Benson	Sharp Beak	Cokeville
HM	Logan	Halls	Captain Duck	Cokeville
HM	Kooper	Hansell	Peicful Morning	Cokeville
HM	Cole	Brooks	Bored Duck	Cokeville
HM	Jeremiah	Johnson	Smoth Morning	Cokeville
HM	Daxton	Pope	Peacful Duck	Cokeville
HM	Payton	Allred	Ducky Joe	Cokeville
HM	Kruz	Smith	Nice Morning	Cokeville
HM	Cade	Thompson	Swimming Duck	Cokeville
HM	Kyler	Nelson	Duck Swimming	Cokeville
HM	Jackson	Willis	Mallard	Cokeville

HM	Isacen	Milsted	Wader	Cokeville
HM	Mackay	Richardson	Peaceful Morning	Cokeville
HM	Jack	Hulme	Swimming Duck	Cokeville
HM*	Clay	Teichert	Cold Duckling	Cokeville
HM*	Kutler	Keetch	Beautiful Day	Cokeville
HM	Carter	Hatling	Mr. P	Pine Haven

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

Place	First Name	Last Name	Title	City
1st	Abigail	Urbach	Harlequin Duck Evening Swim	Powell
1st - 3rd Runner Up BOS	Jace	Bohlman		Powell
1st - 4th Runner Up for BOS	Riley	Schiller	Red Dawn	Powell
2nd	Reed	Smith	Duck Stamp	Powell
2nd	Abby	Bradley	Swimming in Orange	Powell
2nd	Charlotte	Wilson	Ducking Around	Powell
3rd	Sarah	Clements	Clemintine	Cokeville
3rd	Dakota	Bethers	My Harlequin Duck	Cokeville
3rd	Jenna	Hillman	Green-Winged Teal Evening Swim	Powell
HM	Landon	Walker	Swimming In Paradise	Cokeville
HM	Kameron	Luthi	Woody	Cokeville
HM	Tanner	Brown	Swimming In Paradise 2.0	Cokeville
HM	Drake	Plowman	Morning Breeze Swim	Cokeville
HM	Amelia	Richardson	Emporor's Pond	Cokeville
HM	Holland	Scott	Duck in March	Jackson
HM	Jordyn	Kantor	Emperor Goose	Jackson
HM	Lucy	Sullivan	Sunny Cattails	Jackson
HM	Arianna	Rodriguez-Medford	Floating Sunrise	Powell
HM	Kalaiah	Stenlund	A Noon Swim	Powell
HM	Taylor	Paul		Powell
HM	Adriana	Munoz	Butterscotch Sunrise	Powell
HM*	Justin	Floyd	Geese over the sea	Cokeville
HM*	Hanne	Somers	Wood Duck	Jackson
HM*	Ben	Whitlock		Powell
HM*	Bayley	Kokkeler	Floating.	Powell
Creative Recognition:				
*	Kallianne	Toomer	Splash, Splash	Cokeville

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

Place	First Name	Last Name	Title	City
1st - 1st Runner Up for BOS	Brylee	Schuler	Swan Song	Powell
1st* - 2nd Runner Up for BOS	Kaylee	Cornia	"Effortlessly Pretty"	Cokeville
1st* - 2019 WY Best of Show	Brianna	Simmons	Pintails in Flight	Powell
2nd	Brenda	Bencomo	Best Friends	Cokeville
2nd	Jessica	Kasinger	Blue Winged at Sunset	Powell
2nd*	Emma	Waite	Free Flying	Powell

3rd	Jasmin	Preator	Wood Duck Morning Swim	Powell
3rd	Kaylee	Stewart	Wigeon Waters	Powell
3rd	Dayton	Asher	Mallard Morning	Powell
HM	Cydney	Brown	Lonely Duck	Cokeville
HM	Sarajayne	Floyd	Innocent Little Duck	Cokeville
HM	Jordyn	Nate	2 Peas in a Pod	Cokeville
HM	Triniti	Bruski	Duck Stamp	Powell
HM	Ashley	Dunkerley		Powell
HM	Jaxson	Carter	King of King Eiders	Powell
HM	William	Preator	Baffled Billy	Powell
HM	Augusta	Larsen	Autumn King	Powell
HM	Hailey	Carner	Harlequin Duck.	Powell
HM	Lane	Franks	Wood Duck Evening Swim	Powell
HM	Delaney	Jackson	How Much Wood can a Wood Duck Chuck?	Powell
HM	Emerson	Wormald	Into the Woodlands	Powell
HM*	Desiree	Plowman	Sunset Swans	Cokeville
HM*	Jenna	Merritt	Fulvous Whistling Duck	Powell
HM*	McKenna	Werbelow	Duck Stamp	Powell
HM*	Averee	Johnson	The Mallard Sunset	Powell
Creative Recognition:				
*	Sophe	Morrow	Swimming Octavian	Powell
*	Laurie	Leonhardt	Moonlight Swim	Powell

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 mid-April at the Seedskadee National Wildlife Refuge in Southwestern Wyoming. Jackson, Powell, Gillette, Sheridan, Casper, and Cheyenne are some of the scheduled stops on the tour. A detailed schedule of the tour will be available 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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