

**Wyoming Junior Duck Stamp Winners for 2020,  
Students from Powell & Cokeville advance to National Contest**

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The winners of the 2020 Wyoming Junior Duck Stamp Program were recently announced from the 183 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. Desiree Plowman, age 17, of Cokeville, WY submitted this year’s winning conservation message:

“your environment, your responsibility, your future”

Wyoming’s 2020 Best of Show artwork, pictured below, is a colored pencil rendition of a pair of redheads, titled “Red Headed Duck” by Megan Cotter, age 17, of Powell, WY.



Megan Cotter’s colored pencil of the redhead pair and Desiree Plowman’s conservation message will both advance to represent Wyoming at the 2020 National Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest which will be judged virtually on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. A panel of judges will choose a Best of Show at the national level which will be printed on the 2020-2021 National Junior Duck Stamp. The new Junior Duck Stamp will be released in June of 2020 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 – 3rd grades, to an artist the judges feel exhibits exemplary artistic promise. This year's Betty Nelson Artistic Promise Award went to Bridger Hatling, age 8, of Pine Haven, WY for a colored pencil depiction of a redhead duck titled "Mr. Red," which is pictured below.



This educational program uses both science and art 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/seedskadee/wjrduck](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/seedskadee/wjrduck) or contact us at (307) 413-8157 or [seedskadee@fws.gov](mailto:seedskadee@fws.gov) for free copies.

We would also like to thank this year's contest judges who donated their time and expertise and were flexible to roll with last minute plans changes for safety concerns, Tom Koerner, Josh Roth and Danielle Roth.

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.

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

| Place                                     | First Name | Last Name  | Species                | City         |
|---|------------|------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 1st & Betty Nelson Artistic Promise Award | Bridger    | Hatling    | Red Headed Duck        | Pine Haven   |
| 1st                                       | Saige      | Theule     | wood duck              | Diamondville |
| 1st                                       | Easton     | Backman    | hooded merganser       | Diamondville |
| 2nd                                       | Hannah     | Kimble     | Bufflehead             | Green River  |
| 2nd                                       | Garrett    | Ellis      | Red-breasted merganser | Diamondville |
| 2nd                                       | Bentley    | McKinnon   |                        | Cokeville    |
| 3rd                                       | Chloe      | Reeder     | mallard                | Diamondville |
| 3rd                                       | Wyatt      | Miller     | redhead                | Diamondville |
| 3rd                                       | Geneva     | Murdock    | barrows goldeneye      | Cokeville    |
| HM  | Jeremiah   | Weyer      | northern shoveler      | Diamondville |
| HM  | Johnny     | Juercy     | ring-necked duck       | Diamondville |
| HM  | Logan      | Rogers     | Bufflehead             | Diamondville |
| HM  | Colt       | Rogers     | cackling goose         | Diamondville |
| HM  | Beau       | Cunningham | wood duck              | Diamondville |
| HM  | Matthew    | Tims       | snow goose             | Cokeville    |
| HM  | Denali     | Keeth      | duck                   | Cokeville    |
| HM  | Kamri      | Allred     | wood duck              | Cokeville    |
| HM  | Ryker      | Teichert   | mallard                | Cokeville    |
| HM  | Sara       | Brooks     | American black duck    | Cokeville    |
| HM  | Jase       | Martinez   | mallard                | Cokeville    |
| HM  | Alyzea     | Tukuafu    | blue face              | Cokeville    |
| HM  | Emmitt     | Groll      | ruddy duck             | Cokeville    |
| HM  | Myles      | Dayton     |                        | Cokeville    |
| HM  | Lyric      | Gilmore    |                        | Cokeville    |
| HM  | Briquelle  | Peck       |                        | Cokeville    |

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

| Place | First Name | Last Name | Title             | City        |
|-------|------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1st   | Trinity    | Green     | Blue-Winged Teal  | Jackson     |
| 1st   | William    | Robinson  | Ruddy Duck        | Jackson     |
| 1st   | Tanner     | Hatling   | Bluebill          | Pine Haven  |
| 2nd   | Dune       | Mecartney | Green-Winged Teal | Jackson     |
| 2nd   | Adrienne   | Howard    | Harlequin         | Jackson     |
| 2nd   | Livi       | Thornock  |                   | Cokeville   |
| 3rd   | Sabrina    | Wronko    |                   | Jackson     |
| 3rd   | Joey       | Thomas    | roses goose       | Cokeville   |
| 3rd   | Whitli     | Groll     | American Wigeon   | Cokeville   |
| HM    | Jesse      | Kimble    | Harlequin         | Green River |
| HM    | Roark      | Smerklo   | Mute Swan         | Jackson     |
| HM    | Avery      | Ward      | Snow Goose        | Jackson     |
| HM    | Bente      | Somers    | Harlequin         | Jackson     |
| HM    | Serenity   |           |                   | Cokeville   |
| HM    | Keegan     | Haderlie  | wood duck         | Cokeville   |
| HM    | Raiden     | Pond      | Duck              | Cokeville   |
| HM    | Mason      | Child     | duck              | Cokeville   |
| HM    | Zach       | Bell      | duck              | Cokeville   |
| HM    | McKenzie   | Payne     | wood duck         | Cokeville   |
| HM    | Taylor     | Nate      | duck              | Cokeville   |

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|----|---------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| HM | Heber   | Dayton    | Fulvous whistling duck | Cokeville |
| HM | Cooper  | Bird      | mottled duck           | Cokeville |
| HM | Ainslie | Himmerich | goose                  | Cokeville |
| HM | Ridge   | Barnes    | swan                   | Cokeville |

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

| Place                          | First Name | Last Name  | Species           | City       |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| 1st                            | Katlynn    | Dean       | trumpeter swan    | Cokeville  |
| 1st - 3rd Runner<br>Up BOS     | Steven     | Stambaugh  | Mallard           | Powell     |
| 1st - 4th Runner<br>Up for BOS | Chloe      | Freeman    | Northern Shoveler | Powell     |
| 2nd                            | Jacob      | Orr        | Northern Pintail  | Powell     |
| 2nd                            | Grace      | Long       | Canvasback        | Powell     |
| 2nd                            | Blake      | Nissen     | Cinnamon Teal     | Powell     |
| 3rd                            | Grace      | Sapp       | Harlequin         | Powell     |
| 3rd                            | Regan      | Sapp       | Northern Shoveler | Powell     |
| 3rd                            | Hunter     | Davis      | King Eider        | Powell     |
| HM                             | Abigail    | Wambeke    | Harlequin         | Powell     |
| HM                             | Jordyn     | Schuler    | Green-Winged Teal | Powell     |
| HM                             | Abigail    | Arrends    | American Wigeon   | Powell     |
| HM                             | Jace       | Hyde       | Harlequin         | Powell     |
| HM                             | Talan      | Hooper     | Bufflehead        | Powell     |
| HM                             | Emmalee    | Nordland   | Wood Duck         | Powell     |
| HM                             | Carter     | Hatling    | Bluebill          | Pine Haven |
| HM                             | Issac      | Halls      | mallard           | Cokeville  |
| HM                             | Blaze      | Plowman    | pintail           | Cokeville  |
| HM                             | Sarah      | Clements   | tundra swan       | Cokeville  |
| HM                             | Drake      | Plowman    | blue-winged teal  | Cokeville  |
| HM                             | Kodee      | Johnson    | redhead           | Cokeville  |
| HM                             | Kameron    | Luthi      | wood duck         | Cokeville  |
| HM                             | Bridger    | Myers      | mallard           | Cokeville  |
| HM                             | Amelia     | Richardson | emperor goose     | Cokeville  |
| HM                             | Rebecca    | Hymer      | Cinnamon teal     | Cokeville  |

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

| Place                          | First Name | Last Name | Species            | City   |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|--------|
| 1st - 1st Runner<br>Up for BOS | Rose       | Graft     | Ruddy Duck         | Powell |
| 1st - 2nd Runner<br>Up for BOS | Hannah     | Saville   | Mallard            | Powell |
| 1st - 2020 WY<br>Best of Show  | Megan      | Cotter    | Red Headed Duck    | Powell |
| 2nd                            | Jenna      | Merritt   | Long Tailed Duck   | Powell |
| 2nd                            | Abby       | Bradley   | Oxyura Jamaicensis | Powell |
| 2nd                            | Geolana    | Andrade   | Wood Duck          | Powell |
| 3rd                            | Haley      | Lynn      | Ruddy Duck         | Powell |
| 3rd                            | Rylynn     | Valdez    | Cinnamon Teal      | Powell |
| 3rd                            | Emery      | Terry     | Northern Pintail   | Powell |
| HM                             | Morgan     | Schmidt   | Northern Shoveler  | Powell |
| HM                             | Lexis      | Griffith  | Cinnamon Teal      | Powell |

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| HM | Wyatt     | Petersen          | Northern Pintail | Powell    |
| HM | Karson    | Lamb              | Northern Pintail | Powell    |
| HM | Marie     | Ramier            | Gadwall          | Powell    |
| HM | Adriana   | Munoz             | Mottled Duck     | Powell    |
| HM | Adrianna  | Rodriguez-Medford | Masked Duck      | Powell    |
| HM | Paige     | Hamilton          | Mallard          | Powell    |
| HM | Brooklynn | Bennett           | Harlequin        | Powell    |
| HM | Whitney   | Hull              | Male Mallard     | Powell    |
| HM | Carter    | Schutzman         | Wood Duck        | Cody      |
| HM | Sydney    | Nate              | mottled duck     | Cokeville |
| HM | Dakota    | Bethers           | harlequin        | Cokeville |
| HM | Brenda    | Bencomo           | Canada geese     | Cokeville |
| HM | Demi      | Harmon            | tundra swan      | Cokeville |
| HM | Brianna   | Evelo             | Emperor Goose    | 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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