

2017 Box Elder County Bird Banner Contest

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UTAH – The Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge is once again sponsoring their annual Bird Banner Contest. The contest is open to all children in grades K - 8 who live and go to school in Box Elder County.

Information and entry forms will be distributed to teachers throughout the Box Elder School District. Children who are home-schooled may enter as well. Entry forms may be picked up at the Refuge's James V. Hansen Wildlife Education Center, printed from the Refuge web site at <http://www.fws.gov/bearriver>, or mailed out by request. Completed entry forms must be delivered to the Refuge no later than May 12th to be considered for the contest. Send or deliver to: Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, 2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City, UT 84302. The Center is open Tuesday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Participants select a bird to draw from a list provided on the entry form. A committee will choose entries from all schools and age groups, and invite those children to re-draw their bird as a large 24x36 image which will be inserted into a vinyl banner. Winner will be announced the week of May 22nd. All winners will be invited to a drawing party held at the Center on Wednesday, May 24th and Thursday, May 25th from 3-6P. The banners will then be laminated and on display along Main Street in Brigham City from June 12th through July 17th. Once Banners are taken down from display they will be held at the Visitor Center for the artist to pick-up the week of July 25th.

The children's delightful creations of art brighten up Brigham's Main Street during the height of spring bird migration, and bring attention to our feathered friends and the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. Visitors come from near and far to see the banners, and busloads of Refuge field trip participants will view them.

For information or questions, contact Kathi Stopher at (435) 734-6438 or you may also contact the Visitor Center and they can direct your call, (435)723-5887.

2017 BIRD BANNER CONTEST RULES

1. Eligibility: Any student in grades K-8 in the Box Elder County area is eligible. One entry per person.

2. Each design must feature ONE bird from the list below. Only birds from the list will be considered. Name of the bird must appear on the design. Pictures of birds can be found in field guides in your school library, from the Internet, or stop by the refuge office to look at books.

3. Draw the entry on this 8 1/2 x 11 sheet. Entries must be original work, drawn by the entrant.

Choose COLORFUL birds to draw!

4. Submit design on the entry form to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

The entry form must have the student's name, grade, teacher's name and school phone number, name of school, and name of the bird drawn. **Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge C/O Bird Banners**
2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City, UT 84302

5. Entry forms **MUST** be mailed or delivered to the address above no later than **May 12th.**

6. Children chosen will re-draw their image on large, 24" X 36" paper which is inserted in to a vinyl banner for hanging. Artists will be selected from a representative sample of age groups, classrooms and schools.

7. Selected artists will be notified via their teachers or parents and invited to attend the banner drawing party at the Bear River Wildlife Education Center, after school, on **May 24th and 25th from 3P-6P** where they will draw their designs on the actual banners.

9. Banners will hang on Main Street in Brigham City from mid-June to August (dates may change). When Banners are collected from the display off Main Street artists can pick up their laminated artwork from the Visitor Center. Please call a head of time to see if they are ready for pick up.

BIRD SPECIES THAT MAY BE DRAWN

Northern Mockingbird	Purple Martin
American Robin	Tree Swallow
Hermit Thrush	Violet-green Swallow
Cedar Waxwing	Barn Swallow
Loggerhead Shrike	Cliff Swallow
Orange-crowned Warbler	Marsh Wren
Nashville Warbler	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Virginia's Warbler	Western Bluebird
Yellow Warbler	Mountain Bluebird
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Townsend's Solitaire
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Rufous Hummingbird
Townsend's Warbler	Broad-tailed hummingbird
American Redstart	Black-chinned Hummingbird
MacGillivray's Warbler	Belted Kingfisher
Common Yellowthroat	Black-capped Chickadee
Wilson's Warbler	Mountain Chickadee
Lazuli Bunting	Yellow-breasted Chat
Killdeer	Western Tanager
Western Meadowlark	American Goldfinch
Great Blue Heron	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Snowy Egret	Red-winged Blackbird
Black-Crowned Night Heron	Northern Oriole
American Bittern	Chipping Sparrow
Sora	Black-headed Grosbeak
White-faced Ibis	Blue Grosbeak
Black Tern	Bobolink
Forster's Tern	Eastern Towhee
Caspian Tern	Green-tailed Towhee
Long-billed Curlew	Cinnamon Teal
American Avocet	Northern Shoveler
Black-necked Stilt	Common Merganser
Spotted Sandpiper	Ruddy Duck
Greater or Lesser Yellowlegs	American Kestrel
Wilson's Phalarope	Sharp-shinned Hawk
American White Pelican	Mallard Duck
Marbled Godwit	American Wigeon
Black-bellied Plover	Northern Pintail
Snowy Plover	Green-winged Teal
Northern Flicker	Bufflehead
Dusky Flycatcher	Canvasback
Say's Phoebe	Redhead
Western Kingbird	Ring-necked Duck
Eastern Kingbird	

Entry forms must be received no later than
May 12th to the following address.

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Student Name _____

School Name _____ Grade _____

Teacher Name _____

Teacher or School Phone Number _____

Submit design on the entry form to the address on this sheet

The entry form must have the student's name, grade, teacher's name and school phone number, name of school, and name of the bird drawn.

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