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## **WYOMING JUNIOR DUCK STAMP WINNERS FOR 2021, STUDENTS FROM POWELL ADVANCE TO NATIONAL CONTEST**

The winners of the 2021 Wyoming Junior Duck Stamp Program were recently announced from the 221 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. Easton Moore, age 16, of Powell, WY submitted this year’s winning conservation message:

“there’s beauty in all, even if it’s something small”

Wyoming’s 2021 Best of Show artwork, pictured below, is an oil rendition of a northern pintail, titled “Pintail and the Lilies” by Brianna Evelo, age 16, of Powell, WY.



Brianna Evelo's oil rendition of the northern pintail and lilies and Easton Moore's conservation message will both advance to represent Wyoming at the 2021 National Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest which will be judged beginning Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A panel of judges will choose a Best of Show at the national level which will be printed on the 2021-2022 National Junior Duck Stamp. The new Junior Duck Stamp will be released in June of 2021 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 9, of Pine Haven, WY for a colored pencil depiction of a redhead duck titled "Big 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 contact us at (307) 201-5433 or [Raena\\_Parsons@fws.gov](mailto:Raena_Parsons@fws.gov) for free copies.

The contest was judged in four age groups, Group 1 included Kindergarten through 3rd grade, Group 2 included 4th grade through 6th grade, Group 3 included 7th grade through 9th grade, and Group 4 included 10th grade through 12th grade. The following is a list of first, second, and third places, as well as the honorable mentions from each group for student's Wyoming Junior Duck Stamp Program artwork.

### Group 1 (grades K-3)

Place	First Name	Last Name	Species	City
1st & Betty Nelson Artistic Promise Award	Bridger	Hatling	redhead	Pine Haven
1st	Ryker	Teichert	common eider	Cokeville
1st	Miles	King	ruddy duck	Cokeville
2nd	Jase	Martinez	green-winged teal	Cokeville
2nd	Cael	Walker	American wigeon	Cokeville
2nd	Mason	Hobbs	duck	Cokeville
3rd	Ariell	Groll	swan	Cokeville
3rd	Sagen	Keetch	mallard	Cokeville
3rd	Tirzah	Rowe	mallard	Cokeville
HM	Luke	Kimble	mallard	Green River
HM	Bybee	Dayton	duck	Cokeville
HM	Jensyn	Peck	water skoter	Cokeville
HM	Matthew	Tims	goose	Cokeville
HM	Talon	Teichert	swan	Cokeville
HM	Natalie	Hoffman	blue-winged teal	Cokeville
HM	Asher	Lyman	duck	Cokeville
HM	Maliyah	Pauni		Cokeville
HM	Genevieve	Himmerich	shaduck	Cokeville
HM	Mira Jane	Nate	wood duck	Cokeville
HM	Kora	Petersen	swan	Cokeville
HM	Macady	Nelson	American wigeon	Cokeville
HM	Jace	Barnes	ruddy duck	Cokeville
HM	Lindsey	Thomas	swan	Cokeville
HM	Sara	Brooks	wood duck	Cokeville
HM	Alyzea	Tukuafu	wood duck	Cokeville





Place	First Name	Last Name	Species	City
HM	MaKenzie	Hill		Powell
HM	Addison	Lyman	Steller's eider	Cokeville
HM	Kallianne	Toomer	white-cheeked Pintail	Cokeville
HM	Landon	Walker	cinnamon teal	Cokeville
HM	Owen	Fink	hooded merganser	Powell
HM	Riley	Schiller	fulvous whistling duck	Powell
HM	Jalana	Michaels	green-winged teal	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. 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 <https://www.fws.gov/birds/education/junior-duck-stamp-conservation-program.php>.

Copies of the winning artwork will be exhibited around the state. The tour will start in June at the Natrona County Library in Casper Wyoming. Cokeville, Sheridan, Jackson, and Gillette are some of the scheduled stops on the tour. A detailed schedule of the tour will be available soon online at [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/national\\_elk\\_refuge/](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/national_elk_refuge/). An online gallery of the top 100 entries is also available at <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmVcbq43>.

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