

News Release

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Endangered Species Calendar Art Contest for Treasure Coast Students

VERO BEACH, Fla. -- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is celebrating Endangered Species Day by encouraging students to learn about threatened and endangered plants and animals through art. The Service is hosting an art contest open to all students grades 1-12 in public, private or home schools on the Treasure Coast (Indian River, Martin and St. Lucie Counties). To enter, the student will draw or paint, in an original artwork, a federally listed threatened or endangered species from south Florida.

For lists of these species go to:

<http://www.fws.gov/verobeach/index.cfm?Method=programs&NavProgramCategoryID=3&programID=73&ProgramCategoryID=31> and then select from the plants and animals at the right of the screen.

Judges will pick 13 winners. There will be one winner per grade, plus an overall winner whose artwork will grace the calendar's cover. The other 12 winners' artwork will represent a month on our 2012 Endangered Species Calendar. **Each of the 13 winners will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond.** In addition, the overall winner will have his or her artwork framed and their school will be given a \$150 gift card for science and/or art supplies. We'll contact the winners telephonically and announce them via our Web site (www.fws.gov/verobeach) on Endangered Species Day, which is May 20, 2011.

Rules to Remember:

- The artwork must depict a live portrayal of a threatened or endangered species found in south Florida.
- The size of the artwork must be 8.5 x 11 and less than ¼ inch thick.
- Please write the student's name, grade, school and contact number/e-mail address on the back of the artwork with a pencil.
- Entries should not be matted, mounted, laminated, framed or folded.
- The artwork must be original and may not be traced or copied from other sources. Entrants may rely on photographs or published images as guides, but the artwork must be the participant's own original creation.

- No computers or other mechanical devices may be used to create artwork.
- The entry may be multi-color, black and white or a single color. It may be rendered in ink, paint, pastel, crayon or pencil.
- Only one entry per student is allowed.
- Entries will become property of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and be used for educational purposes. The student will be credited by name in any subsequent publication or use of their artwork. With the exception of the first place winner, none of the artwork submitted will be returned.
- No lettering, words, signatures or initials may appear on the front of the design.

Entries must be postmarked by May 9, 2011 and sent to:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
ATTN: Endangered Species Student Art Calendar Contest
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