



Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival 2019 Winners

STUDENT	Title		SCHOOL	TEACHER
Art				
BEST OF SHOW	Brandy Quiroga 8th	Red-crowned Parrot	Mary Hoge Middle School	Liliana Zapata
5th Grade				
First Place	Sofia Holmes	A Place to Perch	Skinner Elementary	Donald Moore
Second Place	Sofia Trevino	Painted Bunting	Homeschool	Oneida Trevino
Third Place	Izrael Nevarez	Cardinal	Skinner Elementary	Donald Moore
Honorable Mention	Jasmine Nicole Pedraza	Resting (Blue Jay)	Judge Oscar de la Fuente	Elizabeth Govea
6th Grade				
First Place	Gabriela Velazquez	The Watchman	Manzano Middle School	Michael D. Holmes
Second Place	Gabriela Lerma	The Observer Northern Cardinal	Manzano Middle School	Michael D. Holmes
Third Place	Rebecca Villarreal	Hanging around Black Vented Oriole	Manzano Middle School	Michael D. Holmes
Honorable Mention	Julisa M Saenz	Little Blue Heron	Edinburg Longoria Middle School	Elizabeth Puentes
7th Grade				
First Place	Emily Aguilar	Friends of a Different Feather	STEM Preparatory Academy	Jennifer Leal
Second Place	Sahatya Valadez	Sweet Home (RHWP)	Manzano Middle School	David Castro
Third Place	Cindy Escobedo	Cedar Waxwing	Lucio Middle School	Mrs. Gaona
Honorable Mention	Ryan Esquivel	Black & Orange	STEM Preparatory Academy	Jennifer Leal
8th Grade				
First Place	Brandy Quiroga	Red-crowned Parrot	Mary Hoge Middle School	Liliana Zapata
Second Place	Sheree Le Rodriguez	The Flying Trio	Manzano Middle School	Michael D. Holmes
Third Place	Yahaira Velez	Burrowing Owl	Rio Hondo Middle School	Ms. Dina Garza
Honorable Mention	Evelyn Velador	Brighter than the Sun	Manzano Middle School	David Castro
9th Grade				
First Place	Camila Gutierrez Saldierna	Golden Eagle	Edinburg North High School	Nicholas A Cantu
Second Place	Felicity Duran	Red Head	Pace High School	Francisco X Garza
Third Place	Kate Castillo	Wilderness	Edinburg North High School	B. Guzman
Honorable Mention	Diego Avitia	Black Phoebe	Edinburg North High School	Gabriela Gonzalez
10th Grade				
First Place	Lizette Morales	Local Native	Pace High School	Francisco X Garza
Second Place	Belinda Jasso	Piping Plover	Edinburg North High School	Manuel Saenz Jr.
Third Place	Michelle Meza	Perching Oriole (Altamira)	Pace High School	Francisco X Garza
Honorable Mention	Brianna Bruno	Ringed Kingfisher	Edinburg North High School	Gabriela Gonzalez
11th Grade				
First Place	Rebeca L. Garza	King on His Throne	Pace High School	Francisco X Garza
Second Place	Marianna Patterson	Midnight Beauty	Veterans Memorial ECHS	Javier Barbosa
Third Place	Hector Flores	Resting Roseate Spoonbill	Pace High School	Francisco X Garza
Honorable Mention	Melissa de la Rosa	Vivid Western Tanager	Thelma R. Salinas STEM	Raul Garcia
12th Grade				
First Place	Heidy Juarez	Foraging Warbler	Pace High School	Francisco X Garza
Second Place	Alison Galindo	Wild Turkey	Edinburg North High School	Gabriela Gonzalez
Third Place	Mike Izaguirre	Scouting for Prey	Pace High School	Francisco X Garza
Honorable Mention	Denise A Carriaga	Meet me Where the Wild Things Grow	Edinburg North High School	Gabriela Gonzalez
Creative Writing				
BEST OF SHOW	Jorge Tafolla - 11th	The Featherful Chachalaca	Thelma Salinas STEM	Esli Galvan
5th Grade				
First Place	Zeus Serrano	Green Jay	Skinner Elementary	Mr. D. Moore
Second Place	Emilio Novelo	Buff Bellied Hummingbird	St. Anthony's Catholic School	Ms. Cisneros
Third Place	Kevin Castro	Green Kingfisher	Manzano Middle School	Martha Morales
Honorable Mention	No Entry			
6th Grade				
First Place	Isaac Solis	Hooked Billed-Kite	Manzano Middle School	Nelda Casas
Second Place	Renata De La Cruz	Barn Owl	Manzano Middle School	Celina S. Garcia
Third Place	Cynthia Briones	Altamira Oriole	Manzano Middle School	Celina S. Garcia
Honorable Mention	Isabell Ortega	Green Jays	Manzano Middle School	Celina S. Garcia
7th Grade				
First Place	Kayla Villalobos	Respect Our Birds	STEM2 Preparatory Academy	Jennifer Leal
Second Place	Taylor Allen	A Very Special Day	STEM2 Preparatory Academy	Jennifer Leal
Third Place	Karla Gonzalez	The Painted Bunting	Manzano Middle School	Rebecca Joy Robles
Honorable Mention	Kimberly Mendoza	Indigo Bunting	Manzano Middle School	Rebecca Joy Robles
8th Grade				
First Place	Isabela Reyes	Little Blue Heron	Manzano Middle School	Martha Morales
Second Place	Mia Almaraz	Day by Day	Manzano Middle School	Juan R. Aguirre



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Third Place	Alejandra Nieva	The Lady and the Inca Dove	Manzano Middle School	Juan R. Aguirre
Honorable Mention	Emmanuel Gonzalez	The Peregrine Falcon	Manzano Middle School	Juan R. Aguirre
9th Grade				
First Place	Quynhdao Le	A Grown up Jay	Homer Hanna ECHS	Ms. Adriana Tovar
Second Place	Crystal Serrata	Tropical Parula (Northern)	Homer Hanna ECHS	Ms. Adriana Tovar
Third Place	Daniel Medina	The Green Jay	Homer Hanna ECHS	Ms. Adriana Tovar
Honorable Mention	Jose Carlos Reyes	The Journey	Homer Hanna ECHS	Ms. Adriana Tovar
10th Grade				
First Place	Claudia Turrubiates	Green Jay	College & Career Center CCC	Esli Galvan
Second Place	Kenia Gutierrez	Altamira Oriole	Thelma R. Salinas ECHS	Mr. Galvan
Third Place	No Entry			
Honorable Mention	No Entry			
11th Grade				
First Place	Jorge Tafolla	The Featherful Chachalaca	Thelma R. Salinas STEM	Esli Galvan
Second Place	Kayla Flores	The Love of Vermilion Flycatcher	Thelma R. Salinas STEM	Esli Galvan
Third Place	Amancio Mercado	A Healing Hum	Thelma R. Salinas STEM	Esli Galvan
Honorable Mention	Mayra (no last name)	Red-Headed Woodpecker	Thelma R. Salinas STEM	Esli Galvan
12th Grade				
First Place	Esmeralda Otero	Green Jay	Harlingen High South	Delilah Welch
Second Place	Aaliya Duran	Painted Bunting	Harlingen High South	Delilah Welch
Third Place	Sandra Pena	Barn Owl	Harlingen High South	Delilah Welch
Honorable Mention	Mia Gonzalez	Hooded Oriole	Harlingen High South	Delilah Welch
Photography				
BEST OF SHOW	Noah Anderson-7th	On Dunes at the Beach	STEM Preparatory Academy	Jennifer Leal
5th Grade				
First Place	Bethany Grace Saucedo	Holding on to Dinner (Osprey)	Judge Oscar de la Fuente Elem	Elizabeth Govea
Second Place	Evan Cabrera	Brown Pelican	St Anthony Catholic School	Ms. Cisneros
Third Place	Aaron Resendez	The Hidden Bird (BCTM)	St Anthony Catholic School	Ms. Cisneros
Honorable Mention	Azalea Rose Arredondo	Going Hunting (Red-tailed hawk)	Judge Oscar de la Fuente Elem	Elizabeth Govea
6th Grade				
First Place	Madison Olmos	Morning Sun	St Anthony Catholic School	Ms. Cisneros
Second Place	No Entry			
Third Place	No Entry			
Honorable Mention	No Entry			
7th Grade				
First Place	Noah Anderson	On Dunes at the Beach	STEM Preparatory Academy	Jennifer Leal
Second Place	Isabelle Lutrick	Black-bellied Whistling Ducks	STEM Preparatory Academy	Jennifer Leal
Third Place	Patryk Zimny	Duck at Dawn (BBWD)	STEM Preparatory Academy	Jennifer Leal
Honorable Mention	No Entry			
8th Grade				
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Third Place	No Entry			
Honorable Mention	No Entry			
11th Grade				
First Place	Andres Roque	The Pretty Duckling	Thelma R. Salinas STEM ECHS	Mr. Garcia
Second Place	Aaliya Rodriguez	The Beautiful Great Kiskadee	Thelma R. Salinas STEM ECHS	Mr. Garcia
Third Place	No Entry			
Honorable Mention	No Entry			
12th Grade				
First Place	Javier Bermudez	Pure Tranquility (Snowy Egret)	Pace ECHS	Erica D. Trevino



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