



## Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival 2022

### Best of Show

Trisha Brown – “Snack Time”

Teacher – Francisco X. Garza – Pace Early College Football – Brownsville  
ISD

### Student Art and Photography Contest Winners

Grade	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Honorable Mention
12 <sup>th</sup>	Camila Gutierrez “Beautiful Menace” Manual Saenz, Jr. Edinburg North High School Edinburg CISD	Ximena Carrillo “The Beauty of Steadiness” Yesenia Toscano Roma High School Roma ISD	Casey Cabrianes “Birds of South Texas” Yesenia Toscano Roma High School Roma ISD	Alexis Johnson “Bird 1 Rat 0” Gabriela Gonzalez Edinburg North High School Edinburg CISD
11 <sup>th</sup>	Kendra Naranjo “Friendly Stranger” Erica D. Trevino Pace Early College Football Brownsville ISD	Aylin Chairez “Green Jay” Romeo Salinas Weslaco Highschool Weslaco ISD	Andrea Soto “Gray Ghost” Gabriela Gonzalez Edinburg North High School Edinburg CISD	Jasmin Ortiz “Wings of Water” Yesenia Toscano Roma High School Roma ISD
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sahatya Valdez Acosta “Fresh Meal” Francisco X. Garza Pace Early College Football Brownsville ISD	Emily Hernandez “Flying Cardinal” Yesenia Toscano Roma High School Roma ISD	Jacqueline Pena “Texas Birds in Spring” Yesenia Toscano Roma High School Roma ISD	Juan Medrano “Tree Swallow in Darkened Fog” Manual Saenz, Jr. Edinburg North High School Edinburg CISD
9 <sup>th</sup>	Juan Camacho “Spiritual Bloomer” Larissa Barron Edinburg North High School Edinburg CISD	Alexa Vargas “El Pajaro” Larissa Barron Edinburg North High School Edinburg CISD	Gabriela Garza “Mourning” Larissa Barron Edinburg North High School Edinburg CISD	Maya Chen “Beauty’s of Life” Gabriela Gonzalez Edinburg North High School Edinburg CISD
8 <sup>th</sup>	Alejandra Estrada “Hidden Heron” Ms. R. Gaona Lucio Middle School Brownsville ISD	Angelina Lopez “Embrace” Mr. Oscar Castillo Travis Middle School McAllen ISD	Alexa De Garcia “Sweetie” Daniel Trevino Roma Middle School Roma ISD	Andrew Montalvo “Crested Caracara” Ms. R. Gaona Lucio Middle School Brownsville ISD

7 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Ximena Cruz          “Little Dweller”          Alberto Echavarria          Oliveira Middle School          Brownsville ISD</p>	<p>Jose J. Valdez          “A Walk in The Afternoon”          Ms. R. Gaona          Lucio Middle School          Brownsville ISD</p>	<p>Nathalie Zavala          “The Beauty of Baltimore Orioles”          Cecilia Domene-Salinas          Stell Middle School          Brownsville ISD</p>	<p>Briza Morales          “Ruby Throated Hummingbird”          Dina Garza          Rio Hondo Middle School          Rio Rondo ISD</p>
6 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Paloma Sias          “A Peaceful Hour”          Michael D. Holmes          Manzano Middle School          Brownsville ISD</p>	<p>Carly Hernandez          “The Fruits of Your Labor”          Michael D. Holmes          Manzano Middle School          Brownsville ISD</p>	<p>Klaudia Gonzalez          “Flying Cardinal”          Michael D. Holmes          Manzano Middle School          Brownsville ISD</p>	<p>Clarissa Morales          “Love at First Sight”          Margaret Contreras          Longoria Middle School          Edinburg CISD</p>
5 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Hennessy Banda          “Fast Wings”          Cynthia Duran          PFC Mario Ybarra Elementary          Weslaco ISD</p>	<p>Carola Munos          “Quick Meal”          Cynthia Duran          PFC Mario Ybarra Elementary          Weslaco ISD</p>	<p>Eliona Martinez          “Glad To Be Home”          Cynthia Duran          PFC Mario Ybarra Elementary          Weslaco ISD</p>	<p>Angelina Salazar          “A Break After A Sweet Meal”          Cynthia Duran          PFC Mario Ybarra Elementary          Weslaco ISD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&amp;</p> <p>Marcos Martinez          “They Are Hungry”          Cynthia Duran          PFC Mario Ybarra Elementary          Weslaco ISD</p>

## Student Writing Contest Winners

Grade	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Honorable Mention
12 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kayla Alvarado “Feathered Knight” Charles Hazlett Thelma R. Salinas STEM ECHS La Joya ISD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Julissa Elizardi “The Grey Hawks” Ms. Lucinda Wiley Homer Hanna ECHS Brownsville ISD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Araceli Garcia “Red Ruby” Esli Galvan Thelma R. Salinas STEM ECHS La Joya ISD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ximena E. Salazar Cantu “Waiting to see my dearest friends” Mrs. Lucinda Wiley Homer Hanna ECHS Brownsville ISD</p>
10 <sup>th</sup>	<p style="text-align: center;">Gianna Jacinto “Altamira Oriole” Ms. Adriana Tovar Homer Hanna ECHS Brownsville ISD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Abril Gonzalez “Buff-Bellied Hummingbird” Ms. Adriana Tovar Homer Hanna ECHS Brownsville ISD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Diego Sosa “The Golden-fronted Woodpecker” Ms. Adriana Tovar Homer Hanna ECHS Brownsville ISD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Gabriel Guajardo “The Baby Owl Lost In Memory” Ms. Lucinda Wiley Homer Hanna ECHS Brownsville ISD</p>
9 <sup>th</sup>	<p style="text-align: center;">Noah James Olvera “Humming of The Birds” Esli Galvan Thelma R. Salinas ECHS La Joya ISD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Eduardo San Martin “The Beautiful Green Jay” Adriana Tovar Homer Hanna ECHS Brownsville ISD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Michelle Wong “Hook-Billed Kite” Ms. Adriana Tovar Homer Hanna ECHS Brownsville ISD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Leonel Puga “Gray Hawk” Ms. Adriana Tovar Homer Hanna ECHS Brownsville ISD</p>
8 <sup>th</sup>	<p style="text-align: center;">Crysta Luna “The Masked Yellow Bird” Mrs. Vanessa Espinoza Manzano Middle School Brownsville ISD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mairely Sanchez “All About The Red-Crowned Parrot” Mrs. Vanessa Espinoza Manzano Middle School Brownsville ISD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Karcia Mendiola “Majestic Hummingbirds” Mrs. Adriana Villarreal Manzano Middle School Brownsville ISD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">David Wiley “The Final Sight” Mrs. Adriana Villarreal Manzano Middle School Brownsville ISD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Diamond Benavides “Mourning Dove” Mrs. Adriana Villarreal Manzano Middle School Brownsville ISD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sebastian Alegria “Concord” Mrs. Adriana Villarreal Manzano Middle School Brownsville ISD</p>

7 <sup>th</sup>	Aubrey Ramos "The Inca Dove" Mrs. Olguin Manzano Middle School Brownsville ISD	Samia Aada Del Angel "Melodious and Monochrome" Mrs. Rebecca Joy Robles Manzano Middle School Brownsville ISD	Paola Rivera "The Cooper's Hawk" Miguel Magana Manzano Middle School Brownsville ISD	Jocelyn Fuentes "Hummingbird, oh humming" Rebecca Joy Robles Manzano Middle School Brownsville ISD
6 <sup>th</sup>	Alejandro Cisneros "Green Jay" Mrs. Avendano Manzano Middle School Brownsville ISD	Jasmine Torres "Lovely Creatures" Mrs. Elizondo Manzano Middle School Brownsville ISD	Gabriella Salazar "The American Goldfinch" Rebecca Joy Robles Manzano Middle School Brownsville ISD	Oziel Alvarez "Life of the Green Jay" Mrs. Avendano Manzano Middle School Brownsville ISD
5 <sup>th</sup>	Elise Vander Ark "Tufty's Journal" Emily Vander Ark Homeschool	Itzel Uvalle "Buff Bellied Hummingbird" Elizabeth Tanguma Waitz Elementary Media & Communications Academy Mission CISD	Alma Medina "Green Jay" Elizabeth Tanguma Waitz Elementary Media & Communications Academy Mission CISD	Ray Soliz "Hummingbird" Elizabeth Tanguma Waitz Elementary Media & Communications Academy Mission CISD

All winning entries will be displayed at the festival tradeshow November 9-13.

Trophies and prizes will be presented at a special awards program on Sunday, November 13, at 1:00 pm at  
The Harlingen Convention Center, 701 Harlingen Heights Drive.

All winning entries can be picked up at the tradeshow display after the ceremony

All other entries can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce, November 14-18, 2-5pm