



CALLING ALL ARTISTS & PHOTOGRAPHERS

11th annual “Birds of the Brush” contest 2023 Laredo Birding Festival

Dear Artist, Photographer, Teacher, or Student:

We are eager to invite you to our 11th anniversary! Each year, we host a dynamic bird art contest to coincide with our annual Laredo Birding Festival. Due to the tremendous success of our previous contests, we want to invite you to participate in our upcoming “Birds of the Brush” art contest.

This 11th annual art event is designed to showcase how our vibrant Rio Grande ecosystem attracts hundreds of species of dazzling birds, some of which migrate from as far away as Canada and the Central American tropics!

Please note that this year artwork will be submitted to the *Laredo Center of Arts (500 San Agustin Ave)* on or before Saturday, January 14, 2023, and then displayed at the Laredo Center for the Arts where the exhibit and ceremony will take place on Thursday, February 2, 2023.

DEADLINE: Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 5:00 pm. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE.

We hope that you will join us in this terrific community project that’s a partnership with our environmental nonprofit organization (RGISC), the Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), and the local birding group, Monte Mucho Audubon Society (MMAS).

For more information, contact LCA at (956) 725-1715 or email at lc4ainfo@gmail.org
You can also visit us and obtain more information about the Laredo Birding Festival at www.laredobirdingfestival.org.

Sincerely yours,

Tricia Cortez
Executive Director, RGISC

Daniel Perales
President, MMAS

Lucia Macias
Community Outreach Coordinator, RGISC



Saturday, January 14, 2023

DEADLINE

NO EXCEPTIONS

2-D Art Entries

GENERAL

- Work **MUST** be of birds in the Laredo or South Texas region, including seasonal migratory birds. Please see attached list and photos for guidance. There are more than 300 to choose from. *Pets or domesticated birds do not qualify.*
- All entries will be judged by a panel of artists and birders.
- Work **MUST** be the sole original work of the entrant, completed within the last year.
- **ARTISTS MUST REGISTER ONLINE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE CONTEST**
- Only 1 entry per person is permitted.
- Teachers may submit a maximum of 10 pieces.
- Each entry must have two (2) Artist's Information Tags. One front and one back. (See attachment)
- Winning art entries must agree to lend their artwork, or images of it, for future LBF promotions.
- Prizes will be awarded for each category.
- Once submitted, artwork cannot be withdrawn before the exhibit ends.
- Artists can choose to sell their piece. Please list price on Tag. (LCA keeps 30% commission.)

CATEGORIES (5)

1) Elementary 2) Middle School 3) High School 4) General Public-Amateur 5) General Public-Professional

ARTWORK GUIDELINES

- All media will be allowed EXCEPT for 3-D works.
- All artwork from amateur and professional artists/photographers to be exhibited at the Laredo Center for the Arts must be ready to hang.
 - (a) **NEW: ALL STUDENT ARTWORK MUST BE 8" x 11" or 9" x 12" OR IT WILL NOT BE ENTERED INTO THE CONTEST.**
 - (b) **NEW: ALL AMATEUR/PROFESSIONAL ARTWORK CAN BE UP TO 18" x 24" OR IT WILL NOT BE ENTERED INTO THE CONTEST.**
 - (c) artworks on paper must be matted with backing and ready to hang in a way that sustains the weight of the piece
 - (d) **DO NOT** tape string to the back as a hanging device
 - (e) one (1) centered paper clip may be glue-gunned to the back as a hanging device (Optional)
 - (f) work containing soft pastels or charcoal must be fixed using a spray fixative or hairspray to ensure protection of the work.
 - (g) framed artworks and canvases must have screw eyes and wire attached
 - (h) framing is optional
 - (i) if protection is required, only Plexiglass – **NO GLASS** is allowed.
 - (j) artwork will **not** be accepted after the January 14 deadline. Failure to comply with guidelines will result in rejection of artwork.
 - (k) Artist shall pick up and remove their work from the Laredo Center for the Arts on **Thursday, February 16 – Saturday, February 18 (11am to 5pm)**. Failure to do so shall result in a storage fee of \$10.00 (ten dollars), per day, per painting.

Please see following page for photography guidelines.



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Photography Entries

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- All entries will be judged by a panel of artists, photographers and birders.
- Work MUST be the sole original work of the entrant, completed within the last year.
- **PHOTOGRAPHERS MUST REGISTER ONLINE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE CONTEST**
- Only 1 entry per person is permitted.
- There will be two categories this year (Amateur and Professional) regardless of artist's age.
- Each entry must have two Artist's Information Tags. One front and one back. (See attachment)
- All photo entries must agree to lend their photos, or images of it, for future LBF promotions.
- Artists can choose to sell their piece. Please list price on Tag. (LCA keeps 30% commission.)

PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORIES (2)

- 1) General Public-Amateur
- 2) General Public-Professional

PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES

- **ENTRIES MUST BE 18" x 24" OR THEY WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE EXHIBIT.**
- Both color and black-and-white photography will be accepted.
- Photos also require two tags. They are the last set of tags in this document.
- All work **must be ready to hang:**
 - (a) photos may be matted with backing and ready to hang in a way that sustains the weight of the piece
 - (b) **DO NOT tape string to the back as a hanging device**
 - (c) paper clips may be glue-gunned to the back as a hanging device (Optional)
 - (d) framed photography must have screw eyes and wire attached
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 - (g) entries will NOT be accepted after **January 14** deadline.
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ARTIST'S TAG INSTRUCTIONS (SEE ATTACHMENT):

Please complete two tags, **in print**, (preferably typed) and affix to the artwork.

Please check that tags are completed in full and that writing is legible.*

TWO TAGS ARE REQUIRED.

FRONT TAG INSTRUCTIONS: The front tag will be placed next to the artwork at the LCA by staff. **Please do not glue, tape, or permanently adhere the front tag to the artwork.** Paper clips or some other NONPERMANENT form of attachment may be used.

BACK TAG INSTRUCTIONS: The back tag provides the contact information in the event that we need to reach the artist or teacher. Please note that the BACK TAG has private information and should be attached to the **BACK** of the artwork. This tag will not be visible to the public at the art exhibit.

*Please note: The Artist Tags may be provided to you via email as a Word Document, so that you may type and print to enhance legibility.

Photos also require two tags. They are the last set of tags below.

PLEASE CALL LCA at (956) 725-1715 OR
EMAIL LC4AINFO@GMAIL.COM IF YOU NEED FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.



Judging Rubric

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Creativity	Artist has taken the bird(s) being studied and applied it in a way that is totally their own. The artist's personality/voice comes through.	Artist has taken the bird(s) being studied and has used source material as a starting place. The artist's personality comes through in parts of the painting.	Artist has copied some painting from the source material. There is little evidence of creativity, but the student has done the assignment.	Artist has not made much attempt to meet the requirements of the assignment.
Design/ Composition	Artist applies design principles (such as unity, contrast, balance, movement, direction, emphasis, and center of interest) with great skill.	Artist applies design principles (such as unity, contrast, balance, movement, direction, emphasis, and center of interest) with fair skill.	Artist demonstrates a few design principles but the overall result may appear awkward or unbalanced.	Artist does not appear to be able to apply most design principles to their own work. Missing the design principles. The work may appear unorganized or chaotic or incomplete.
Color/Value Choices	Light, medium, and dark values present contrast, volume, texture that make the work highly interesting and unique.	Light, medium and dark values are present but may seem a bit unbalanced or lack contrast. There might be a lack of texture or volume in the work.	Light, medium and dark values are not all present or the work may appear all light or all dark with little contrast. Marks may be random or not successfully portray volume or texture.	Little or no attempt at adding values or texture is present - might appear as a simple line drawing.
Skill	The artist demonstrates complete control and understanding of the media and subject matter. No apparent mistakes.	The artist demonstrates good control over media and a good understanding of the subject matter. Some small mistakes may be apparent.	The artist has fair control over media, but mistakes and or understanding of subject matter affect the overall look of the artwork.	The artist struggles with the media. There may be many mistakes in the use of materials and in the presentation of the subject matter (or be incomplete).
Craftsmanship	The artwork was beautiful and patiently done. Marks are made carefully and thoughtfully with much attention to detail and accuracy.	With a little more effort, the work could have been outstanding. The presentation may lack neatness or have a few visible flaws.	The student showed average craftsmanship. The presentation may have many flaws, appear untidy, or somewhat unfinished.	The student showed poor craftsmanship; evidence of lack of understanding. The presentation has many flaws, is untidy or apparently incomplete.

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Campus/Private Art Studio name (if applicable):

Grade Level (if applicable):

Instructor's name (if applicable):

Bird(s) interpreted:

Sale Price: _____ Not For Sale: []

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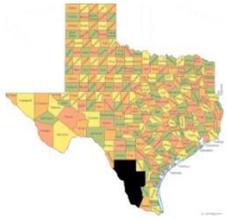
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Monte Mucho Region Bird Checklist

The furnished bird list is an attempt to create a register of all species observed or expected in the Monte Mucho region. It is intended to indicate which species are probable or likely to be observed with diligent effort in the appropriate habitat and season.

Compiled by Jim Hailey, February 2006. Updated by Catalina Berry, June 2019. This species list does not follow taxonomic order and is merely intended for the use of this art contest.

S = summer resident & migrant; W = winter resident & migrant; M = migrant only, spring &/or fall;
R = resident, * = breeding; + = also found in small numbers in winter
RD = rare, documented

Roadrunners & Cuckoos

- 1 ___ Greater Roadrunner **R***
- 2 ___ Groove-billed Ani **S***
- 3 ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo **S***

Woodpeckers

- 4 ___ Acorn Woodpecker **R***
- 5 ___ Golden-fronted Woodpecker **R***
- 6 ___ Ladder-backed Woodpecker **R***
- 7 ___ Northern Flicker **W**
- 8 ___ Red-naped Sapsucker **RD**
- 9 ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **W**

Flycatchers

- 10 ___ Ash-throated Flycatcher **S*+**
- 11 ___ Black Phoebe **R***
- 12 ___ Brown-crested Flycatcher **S***
- 13 ___ Couch's Kingbird **R***
- 14 ___ Eastern Kingbird **M**
- 15 ___ Eastern Phoebe **W**
- 16 ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee **M**
- 17 ___ Great Kiskadee **R***
- 18 ___ Great-crested Flycatcher **M**
- 19 ___ Least Flycatcher **M**
- 20 ___ Olive-sided Flycatcher **M**
- 21 ___ Say's Phoebe **W**
- 22 ___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher **S***
- 23 ___ Tropical Kingbird **RD**
- 24 ___ Vermilion Flycatcher **R***

- 25 ___ Western Kingbird **M**
- 26 ___ Willow Flycatcher **M**
- 27 ___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher **M**

Mockingbirds & Thrashers

- 28 ___ Blue Mockingbird (spotted before LBF) **RD**
- 29 ___ Brown Thrasher **RD**
- 30 ___ Curve-billed Thrasher **R***
- 31 ___ Gray Catbird **M**
- 32 ___ Long-billed Thrasher **M**
- 33 ___ Northern Mockingbird **R***
- 34 ___ Sage Thrasher **W**

Vireos and Shrikes

- 35 ___ Bell's Vireo **S***
- 36 ___ Blue-headed Vireo **W**
- 37 ___ Cassin's Vireo **RD**
- 38 ___ Loggerhead Shrike **W**
- 39 ___ Philadelphia Vireo **M**
- 40 ___ Red-eyed Vireo **M**
- 41 ___ Warbling Vireo **M**
- 42 ___ White-eyed Vireo **R***
- 43 ___ Yellow-throated Vireo **M**

Jays

- 44 ___ Brown Jay (spotted before LBF)
- 45 ___ Green Jay **R***
- 46 ___ Woodhouse's Scrub Jay **RD**

Crows

47 ___ Chihuahuan Raven **R***

Swallows

48 ___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow **M**

49 ___ Bank Swallow **S***

50 ___ Barn Swallow **R***

51 ___ Cave Swallow **R***

52 ___ Cliff Swallow **S***

53 ___ Purple Martin **S***

54 ___ Tree Swallow **W**

Swifts

55 ___ Chimney Swift **M**

Titmice

56 ___ Black-crested Titmouse **R***

Wrens

57 ___ Bewick's Wren **R***

58 ___ Brown Creeper **W**

59 ___ Cactus Wren **R***

60 ___ Canyon Wren **R***

61 ___ Carolina Wren **R***

62 ___ House Wren **W**

63 ___ Marsh Wren **W**

64 ___ Rock Wren **W**

65 ___ Winter Wren **W**

Gnatcatchers

66 ___ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher **R***

67 ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher **W**

Kinglets

68 ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet **W**

69 ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet **W**

Thrushes

70 ___ American Robin **W**

71 ___ Clay-colored Thrush **R***

72 ___ Eastern Bluebird **W**

73 ___ Hermit Thrush **W**

74 ___ Veery **M**

75 ___ Wood Thrush **M**

Starlings

76 ___ European Starling **R***

Warblers

77 ___ American Redstart **M**

78 ___ Black-and-White Warbler **W**

79 ___ Blackburnian Warbler **M**

80 ___ Blackpoll Warbler **M**

81 ___ Black-throated Gray Warbler **M**

82 ___ Black-throated Green Warbler **W**

83 ___ Canada Warbler **M**

84 ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler **M**

85 ___ Common Yellowthroat **W**

86 ___ Golden-crowned Warbler **RD**

87 ___ Hooded Warbler **M**

88 ___ Louisiana Waterthrush **M**

89 ___ MacGuillivray's Warbler **M**

90 ___ Magnolia Warbler **M**

91 ___ Mourning Warbler **M**

92 ___ Nashville Warbler **W**

93 ___ Northern Parula **M**

94 ___ Northern Waterthrush **M**

95 ___ Orange-crowned Warbler **W**

96 ___ Ovenbird **M**

97 ___ Pine Warbler **W**

98 ___ Tennessee Warbler **W**

99 ___ Townsend's Warbler **M**

100 ___ Tropical Parula **R**

101 ___ Verdin **R***

102 ___ Wilson's Warbler **W**

103 ___ Worm-eating Warbler **M**

104 ___ Yellow Warbler **W**

105 ___ Yellow-breasted Chat **M**

106 ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler **W**

107 ___ Yellow-throated Warbler **W**

Tanagers

108 ___ Scarlet Tanager **M**

109 ___ Summer Tanager **M**

110 ___ Western Tanager **M**

Sparrows

111 ___ Black-throated Sparrow **R**

112 ___ Brewer's Sparrow **W**

113 ___ Canyon Towhee **R***

114 ___ Cassin's Sparrow **S***

115 ___ Chipping Sparrow **W**

116 ___ Clay-colored Sparrow **W**

117 ___ Dark-eyed Junco **RD**

118 ___ Field Sparrow **W**

119 ___ Fox Sparrow **RD**

120 ___ Grasshopper Sparrow **W**

121 ___ Green-tailed Towhee **W**

Sparrows (*continued*)

- 122 ___ House Sparrow **R***
- 123 ___ Lark Bunting **W**
- 124 ___ Lark Sparrow **R***
- 125 ___ Le Conte's Sparrow **W**
- 126 ___ Lincoln's Sparrow **W**
- 127 ___ Olive Sparrow **R***
- 128 ___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow **RD**
- 129 ___ Savannah Sparrow **W**
- 130 ___ Song Sparrow **W**
- 131 ___ Spotted Towhee **W**
- 132 ___ Swamp Sparrow **W**
- 133 ___ Vesper Sparrow **W**
- 134 ___ White-crowned Sparrow **W**
- 135 ___ White-throated Sparrow **W**

Finches & Allies

- 136 ___ American Goldfinch **W**
- 137 ___ Black-headed Grosbeak **M**
- 138 ___ Blue Bunting **RD**
- 139 ___ Blue Grosbeak **S***
- 140 ___ Dickcissel **M**
- 141 ___ House Finch **R***
- 142 ___ Indigo Bunting **M**
- 143 ___ Lesser Goldfinch **R***
- 144 ___ Morelet's Seedeater **R***
- 145 ___ Painted Bunting **S***
- 146 ___ Pine Siskin **RD**
- 147 ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak **M**
- 148 ___ Varied Bunting **S**

Cardinals

- 149 ___ Northern Cardinal **R***
- 150 ___ Pyrrhuloxia **R***

Waxwings

- 151 ___ Cedar Waxwing **W**

Wagtails

- 152 ___ American Pipit **W**

Blackbirds & Allies

- 153 ___ Red-winged Blackbird **R**
- 154 ___ Brewer's Blackbird **W**
- 155 ___ Bronzed Blackbird **S***
- 156 ___ Brown-headed Cowbird **R***
- 157 ___ Common Grackle **RD**
- 158 ___ Eastern Meadowlark **W**
- 159 ___ Great-tailed Grackle **R***

- 160 ___ Western Meadowlark **W**
- 161 ___ Yellow-headed Blackbird **M**

Larks

- 162 ___ Horned Lark **R***

Orioles

- 163 ___ Altamira Oriole **R***
- 164 ___ Audubon's Oriole **R***
- 165 ___ Baltimore Oriole **M**
- 166 ___ Bullock's Oriole **S***
- 167 ___ Hooded Oriole **S***
- 168 ___ Orchard Oriole **S***

Hummingbirds

- 167 ___ Black-chinned Hummingbird **S***
- 168 ___ Buff-bellied Hummingbird **S***
- 169 ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird **M**
- 170 ___ Rufous Hummingbird **W**

Ducks

- 171 ___ American Wigeon **W**
- 172 ___ Black-bellied Whistling Duck **R***
- 173 ___ Blue-winged Teal **W**
- 174 ___ Bufflehead **W**
- 175 ___ Canvasback **W**
- 176 ___ Cinnamon Teal **W**
- 177 ___ Fulvous Whistling Duck **M**
- 178 ___ Gadwall **W**
- 179 ___ Green-winged Teal **W**
- 180 ___ Hooded Merganser **W**
- 181 ___ Lesser Scaup **W**
- 182 ___ Mallard **W**
- 183 ___ Mexican Mallard **R***
- 184 ___ Mottled Duck **R***
- 185 ___ Muscovy Duck **R***
- 186 ___ Northern Pintail **W**
- 187 ___ Northern Shoveler **W**
- 188 ___ Red-breasted Merganser **W**
- 189 ___ Redhead **W**
- 190 ___ Ring-necked Duck **W**
- 191 ___ Ruddy Duck **W**
- 192 ___ Wood Duck **W**

Geese

- 193 ___ Canada Goose **W**
- 194 ___ Greater White-fronted Goose **W**
- 195 ___ Ross's Goose **W**
- 196 ___ Snow Goose **W**

Cranes

197 ___ Sandhill Crane **W**

Grebes

198 ___ Eared Grebe **W**
199 ___ Horned Grebe **R***
200 ___ Least Grebe **R***
201 ___ Pied-billed Grebe **W**
202 ___ Western Grebe **RD**

Sandpipers

203 ___ Baird's Sandpiper **M**
204 ___ Dunlin **RD**
205 ___ Greater Yellowlegs **W**
206 ___ Least Sandpiper **W**
207 ___ Lesser Yellowlegs **W**
208 ___ Long-billed Curlew **W**
209 ___ Long-billed Dowitcher **W**
210 ___ Pectoral Sandpiper **M**
211 ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper **M**
212 ___ Solitary Sandpiper **W**
213 ___ Spotted Sandpiper **W**
214 ___ Stilt Sandpiper **M**
215 ___ Upland Sandpiper **M**
216 ___ Western Sandpiper **W**
217 ___ Wilson's Snipe **W**

Plovers

218 ___ Killdeer **R***
219 ___ American Golden Plover **M**
220 ___ Black-bellied Plover **W**
221 ___ Semipalmated Plover **M**
222 ___ Snowy Plover **M**
223 ___ Wilson's Phalarope **M**

Storks

224 ___ Wood Stork **M**

Cormorants

225 ___ Anhinga **M**
226 ___ Double-crested Cormorant **W**
227 ___ Neotropic Cormorant **R***

Pelicans

228 ___ American White Pelican **W**
229 ___ Brown Pelican **RD**

Bitterns & Herons

230 ___ American Bittern **M**

231 ___ Black-crowned Night Heron **W**
232 ___ Cattle Egret **M**
233 ___ Great Blue Heron **R***
234 ___ Great Egret **R***
235 ___ Green Heron **W**
236 ___ Least Bittern **M**
237 ___ Little Blue Heron **M**
238 ___ Snowy Egret **R***
239 ___ Tri-colored Heron **W**
240 ___ Yellow-crowned Night Heron **S**

Kingfishers

241 ___ Amazon Kingfisher **RD**
242 ___ Belted Kingfisher **W**
243 ___ Green Kingfisher **R***
244 ___ Ringed Kingfisher **R***

Ibises

245 ___ Roseate Spoonbill **W**
246 ___ White Ibis **S**
247 ___ White-faced Ibis **W**

Gulls & Terns

248 ___ Bonaparte's Gull **W**
249 ___ California Gull **RD**
250 ___ Caspian Tern **M**
251 ___ Common Tern **M**
252 ___ Forster's Tern **R**
253 ___ Franklin's Gull **M**
254 ___ Herring Gull **W**
255 ___ Iceland Gull **RD**
256 ___ Laughing Gull **R**
257 ___ Least Tern (endangered) **M**
258 ___ Lesser Black-backed Gull **RD**
259 ___ Ring-billed Gull **W**
260 ___ Slaty-backed Gull **RD**

Rails

261 ___ American Coot **W**
262 ___ Common Gallinule **R***
263 ___ Purple Gallinule (not seen during LBF) **RD**
264 ___ Sora **W**
265 ___ Virginia Rail **M**

Stilts

266 ___ American Avocet **W**
267 ___ Black-necked Stilt **R**

Loons

268 ___ Common Loon **W**

Some Local Birds of Laredo and South Texas*

All photos taken locally by Carlos Escamilla or Raul Delgado. To view more photos, please visit the Laredo Birding Festival and Monte Mucho Audbon Society Facebook pages, as well as laredobirdingfestival.org, allaboutbirds.org, ebird.org, birdsoftheworld.org, and facebook.com/raul.delaredo1.



Morelet's Seedeater formerly known as
White-collared Seedeater



Painted Bunting



Yellow Warbler



Green Parakeet



Vermilion Flycatcher



Black Phoebe



Osprey



Great Kiskadee



Audubon's Oriole



Great-horned Owl



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher



Belted Kingfisher



Crested Caracara



Black-tailed Whistling Duck



Amazon Kingfisher



Northern Cardinal



Pyrrhuloxia



American Kestrel



Golden-fronted Woodpecker



Scaled Quail



Green Jay



Hooded Oriole



American Pelican



Loggerhead Shrike