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Invitation

9th annual “Birds of the Brush” contest

2021 Laredo Birding Festival

Dear Artist, Teacher, or Student:

Welcome! 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 9th 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!

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are organizing an online art gallery this year. Please note that student artwork will ONLY be featured online, while amateur and professional artists and photographers may submit their pieces to the Laredo Center for the Arts for display.

DEADLINE: Friday, February 5, 2021 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 us at (956) 718-1063 or by email at manuel@rgisc.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

Manuel Juarez

Director of Community Engagement, RGISC



Guidelines for 9th “Birds of the Brush” Art Contest

DEADLINE:

Friday, February 5, 2021

NO EXCEPTIONS

Art Entries

GENERAL

All entries will be judged by a panel of artists and birders.

- Work **MUST** be of birds in the Laredo or South Texas region, including seasonal migratory birds. Please see attached list and photos for guidance. Examples begin on page 5 of these guidelines. There are more than 300 to choose from. Pets or domesticated birds do not qualify.
- Work **MUST** be the sole original work of the entrant, completed within the last year.
- Only 1 entry per person is permitted.
- Teachers may submit a maximum of 10 pieces.
- Artists must photograph their artwork and submit it to bit.ly/birdsofthebrush.
- Students must provide an electronic signature when uploading photo(s) of their artwork to confirm that they are submitting their own artwork and that there are no copyright infringement issues.
- Each entry submitted to the Laredo Center for the Arts (amateur and professional artists/photographers **ONLY**) must be accompanied by an Artist’s Information Tag.
- 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.

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. Student artwork will only be accepted online this year. Please go to page 5 to review Acceptable Photo Examples.
 - (a) No size restrictions
 - (b) artworks on paper must be matted with backing and ready to hang in a way that sustains the weight of the piece
 - (c) **DO NOT** tape string to the back as a hanging device
 - (d) paper clips may be glue-gunned to the back as a hanging device (Optional)
 - (e) work containing soft pastels or charcoal must be fixed using a spray fixative or hairspray to ensure protection of the work.
 - (f) framed artworks and canvases must have screw eyes and wire attached
 - (g) framing is optional
 - (h) if protection is required, only Plexiglas – **NO GLASS** is allowed.
 - (i) artwork will not be accepted after the February 5 deadline. Failure to comply with guidelines with guidelines will result in rejection of artwork.
 - (j) Artist shall pick up and remove their work from the Center on Tuesday, March 2 – Sat. March 6 (11am to 4pm). 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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- For 2021, this will be a non-judged component.
- Photos **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 domestic birds do not qualify.
- Work **MUST** be the sole original work of the entrant, completed within the last year.
- 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 may be no smaller than 8" x 11".
- 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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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 (956) 718-1063 OR
EMAIL MANUEL@RGISC.ORG IF YOU NEED FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.**



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Acceptable Photo Examples for Student Artwork Submissions

Please be reminded that students must upload **QUALITY** photos of their artwork to bit.ly/birdsofthebrush to be considered by the judges and to be included in the online art gallery. Photos of artwork should be well-lit without any shadows and properly cropped so that no background items are visible. Photos of artwork that do not meet this standard will **NOT** be included in the contest or the online art gallery.



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Name: _____

Campus/Private Art Studio name (if applicable):

Grade Level (if applicable):

Instructor's name (if applicable):

Bird(s) interpreted:

Sale Price: _____ Not For Sale: []

CATEGORY (check one)

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GENERAL PUBLIC-AMATEUR [] GENERAL PUBLIC-PROFESSIONAL []

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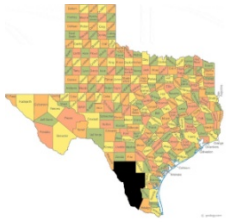
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Monte Mucho Region Bird Checklist

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 Seed-eater **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