



# 2022 Student Art Contest

## Featured Festival Bird: Flammulated Owl

**Who:** All Utah students in grades Pre-K-12 are invited to participate.

**What:** An original artwork of an adult **Flammulated Owl** on 8½x11 white paper.

**When:** Submissions must be **received** by April 15, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

**Where:** Please mail or deliver entries to:  
Great Salt Lake Bird Festival  
Attn: Student Art Contest  
P.O. Box 618  
61 South Main St., Suite 304  
Farmington, UT 84025



Photo by: Tim Avery

### **Rules and Guidelines**

Utah students in grades Pre-K-12 are invited to create a picture of an adult **Flammulated Owl**. Make it **LARGE** and **COLORFUL**! Realistic or stylized images are welcome. The drawing should be submitted on a **flat piece of 8½x11 white paper**.

**Important:** In order to properly display for viewing at the festival, we need all artwork to meet these sizing requirements. Artwork on paper larger than 8½x11 should be trimmed by the student or teacher before submission to the contest. Details on when and where to view submitted artwork will be shared in April 2022 on the Festival's website and Facebook page.

Students may use bird field guides, the internet, or the provided teaching guide to learn about the bird's unique characteristics. The drawing must be the student's original creation and should not be copied or traced from any published source. Only one entry per student is allowed.

Artwork will be judged in five grade categories: Pre-school-K, 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. First, second, and third place awards will be given in each grade category. The prize for first place entries is \$50.00; second place is \$25.00; and third place is \$15.00. A Best of Show image will also be chosen by the judges and receive a \$75.00 prize.

Artwork from any category may be featured in the **2023** Great Salt Lake Bird Festival's promotional documents, news releases, website, social media accounts, and clothing/merchandise. The student's name will be included with any art that is used for these purposes. The students will retain all rights to the artwork but give permission to the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival for use of the image for promotional and contest purposes. Selections and decisions by the judges are final. Any entries with unsuitable content will not be considered.

**All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form.** All submissions must be **received** by April 15, 2022 at 4:00 pm. Submissions will be returned to the artist if a return address is provided on the entry form.

**Questions?** Contact Kristal Blessett at [kblessett@daviscountyutah.gov](mailto:kblessett@daviscountyutah.gov).

## **Teaching Guide: Flammulated Owl (*Psiloscopus flammeolus*)**

Info: Audubon.org; allaboutbirds.org

### **Identification**

This tiny owl, scarcely larger than a small juice can, is similar in shape to a screech-owl with shorter “ear” tufts. Flammulated Owls are gray, brown, rust, and white, and are well camouflaged against bark and leaves. They have a reddish form, a grayish form, and some intermediate plumages, as some screech-owls do. The Flammulated Owl is generally 5.9-6.7 inches in length, weighs 1.5-2.2 ounces, and has a wingspan of 15.9-16.1 inches. For reference, its size is between a sparrow and robin. These aspects make it hard to spot, although its repetitive, low-pitched hoot is easier to notice.

The soft, low-pitched hoots of this little owl can be heard in mountain pine forests over much of the west. Seeing the bird is another matter; its variegated pattern of brown and rust makes perfect camouflage when it perches close to a pine trunk. Because it is so inconspicuous, the Flammulated Owl was long overlooked in many areas, and was considered rare until recently.

### **Habitat**

Flammulated Owls live in mature coniferous and mixed coniferous-deciduous forests of mountains in the western United States and Mexico. They typically nest in relatively open forest, typically of ponderosa pine, in cool and fairly dry zones. In some areas, the Flammulated Owl will favor groves of aspen.

### **Food**

Flammulated Owls hunt most actively just after dark and again near dawn for large insects. They forage by perching and looking for insects, then flying out to catch them. They feed mostly on moths, beetles, and crickets. Many Flammulated Owls will catch their prey in the air or on the ground, but most often they will take insects from foliage, hovering momentarily and grabbing them with their feet.

### **Interesting Facts**

Although not very musical, the flat hoot of a Flammulated Owl is repeated so frequently that it almost counts as “song” and clearly seems to mark territory. Males call mostly from hidden spots within the crowns of very large pines.

Courting males call repeatedly, and when females reply with a mewling call, soliciting food, the male presents her with prey. The unusually large trachea (windpipe) of Flammulated Owls permits it to make a remarkably low-pitched hoot, making it sound like a much larger owl - an advantage for a tiny species that could easily fall prey to larger predators.



**Photo by: Markus Mika**



**Photo by: Tim Avery**



**Photo by: Dave Oleyar**



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**2022 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival  
Student Art Contest Entry Form**

**Completed form must be submitted with each entry!  
Artwork will not be returned without a completed, legible form.**

Name of artist: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: Utah ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Grade category (circle one):      Pre-K-Kindergarten   1-3   4-6   7-9   10-12

**ART must be RECEIVED by 4:00 PM on Friday, April 15, 2022.**

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\*Students who independently submit artwork should list their home address in order to receive returned artwork. All other students should list their school address.  
Correspondence will be done by EMAIL.

The students will retain all rights to the artwork but give permission with this form to the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival for use of the image for promotional and contest purposes.