



2024 Student Art Contest

Featured Festival Bird: Black-chinned Hummingbird

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

What: An original artwork of a **Black-chinned Hummingbird** on **8½x11** white paper.

When: Submissions must be **received** by April 12, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.

Where: Please mail or deliver entries to:
Great Salt Lake Bird Festival
Attn: Student Art Contest
P.O. Box 618
28 E. State St., Suite 214
Farmington, UT 84025



Photo Credit | Scott Baxter

Rules and Guidelines

Utah students in grades Pre-K-12 are invited to create a picture of a **Black-chinned Hummingbird**. 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. Artwork will be displayed for viewing at the Eccles Wildlife Education Center (EWEC) in Farmington on Friday, May 17, 2024 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm and on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. After the festival, artwork will be uploaded to the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival website for digital gallery viewing. Awards will be handed out on Friday, May 17, 2024 at the EWEC at 6:00 pm with a program to follow. Additional details on art viewing, awards, and the evening's program can be found at [GreatSaltLakeBirdFest.com](https://www.GreatSaltLakeBirdFest.com).

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 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 **2025** 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 student 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 12, 2024 at 4:00 pm. Submissions will be returned to the artist if a return address is provided on the entry form.

Questions? Contact Susie Jones at susie@discoverdavis.com

Teaching Guide: Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*)

Info: Audubon.org; allaboutbirds.org

Identification

The Black-chinned Hummingbird is a small, fairly slender hummingbird with a straight black bill. Both the male and female are sparrow-sized or smaller, measuring 3.5 inches in length, with a weight of 0.1- .02 ounces, and a wingspan of 4.3 inches. Dull metallic green above and dull grayish-white below. Males have a velvety black throat with a thin, iridescent purple base. Females have a pale throat. In both sexes, the flanks are glossed with dull metallic green. Female's three outer tail feathers have broad white tips.

Habitat

These hummingbirds are habitat generalists, and can be found in lowland deserts, mountainous forests, and very urbanized areas as long as there are tall trees and brushy areas with flowering shrubs and vines. They can also be found along stream sides and other natural habitats.

Over much of the west, this species is widespread in many habitats at low elevations, often coming into suburban gardens and nesting in back yards within its range. Several other western hummingbirds may stay through the winter, at least in small numbers, but the Black-chin is almost entirely absent from the west in winter.

Most often seen at feeders or perched on dead branches in tall trees.

Food

The Black-chinned Hummingbird usually feeds while hovering, extending its bill deep into the center of tube-like flowers. At feeders, they may either hover or perch. They are also known to catch small insects, and may fly out and grab them midair, or hover to pluck them from foliage; sometimes they will even take insects from spider webs. They will also feed on sugar-water mixtures in hummingbird feeders.



Interesting Facts

Hummingbirds don't flap their wings, they rotate them in a figure 8, at a remarkable 80 times per second! This enables them to not only fly forward and backward, but to hover in the air in one spot.

During courtship a male performs a "pendulum" display, flying back and forth in a wide U-shaped arc, making whirring sounds on each dive. Sometimes they perform fast dives ranging from 66-100 feet straight down. They also buzz back and forth in short flights in front of a perched female.

Nests are built by the female in a tree or shrub, and are typically found 6-12 feet above the ground. When newly built, the nest is a compact, deep cup constructed of plant down, spider silk and cocoon fibers. As the nestlings grow, the nest stretches into a wider, shallower cup. Nests from cooler areas are thicker-walled than nests from warmer areas. Clutch size is 2 small white eggs about ½" long. Incubation is by female only and lasts 12-16 days. Females feed the young by sticking her bill deep into their mouths and regurgitating tiny insects, perhaps mixed with nectar. Age of the young at first flight is about 20-21 days. The average is 1-2 broods per year and sometimes 3.

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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

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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.

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