

# 28th Annual Grays Harbor Shorebird and Nature Festival Poster Contest



## Open to all Grays Harbor County students grades 1-6!

- Choose your shorebird from the following list:

Black Oystercatcher	Red-necked Phalarope
Black Turnstone	Rock Sandpiper
Black-bellied Plover	Ruddy Turnstone
Dunlin	Sanderling
Greater Yellowlegs	Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer	Semipalmated Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper	Short-billed Dowitcher
Lesser Yellowlegs	Spotted Sandpiper
Long-billed Curlew	Surfbird
Long-billed Dowitcher	Wandering Tattler
Marbled Godwit	Western Sandpiper
Pacific Golden Plover	Whimbrel
Pectoral Sandpiper	Willet
Red Knot	Wilson's Phalarope
Red Phalarope	Wilson's Snipe
- All poster mediums are welcome: paint, colored pencil, pastel, marker, etc.
- The poster must be **12x18** inches in size. Do not frame or mat!
- Any posters with words on the front (this includes names, labels, signs, etc.) will be **DISQUALIFIED**.

## TO SUBMIT YOUR POSTER:

Make sure all guidelines have been met

Fill out and glue/tape entry form to the back of the poster

Mail to:  
Shorebird Poster Contest,  
C/O Port of Grays Harbor,  
PO Box 660,  
Aberdeen, WA 98520  
or  
Hand deliver to:  
Port of Grays Harbor,  
111 South Wooding St.  
Aberdeen, WA 98520

**DEADLINE:**  
**Tuesday, MARCH**  
**19th, 2024**

# How to Design a Poster

The diagram below shows you how to draw a dunlin, a type of local shorebird. Your shorebird may have a different beak or color pattern, but the steps for drawing it will be very similar!

Remember to put your shorebird into its natural habitat, like a beach, rocky shoreline, mudflat, or saltmarsh!

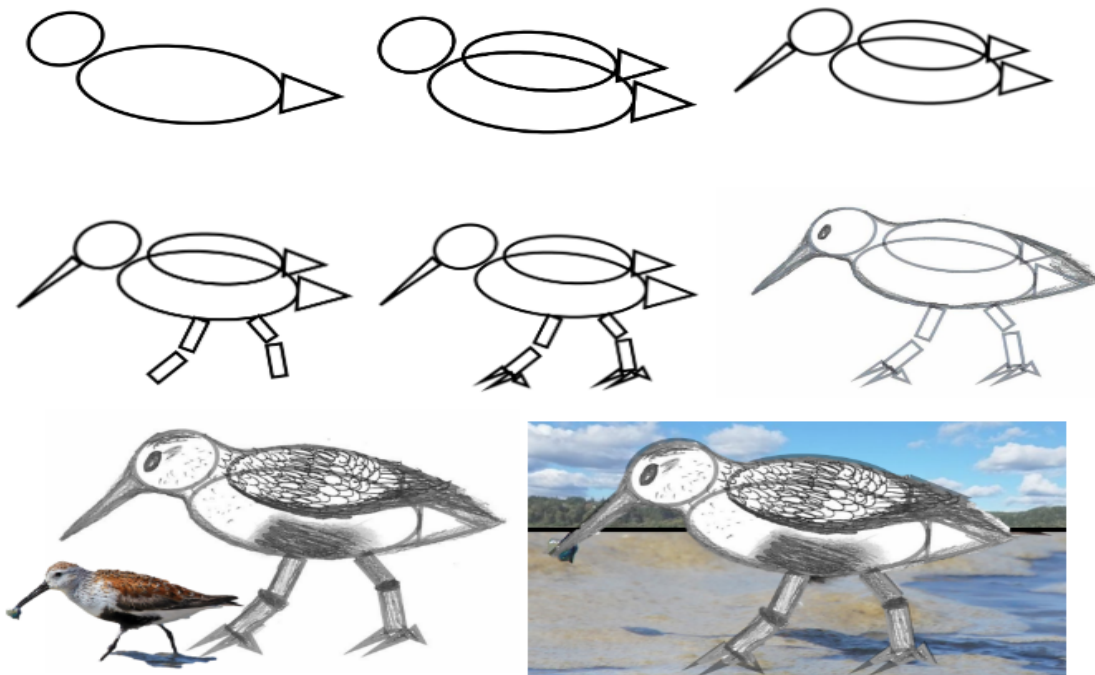
Winning posters are usually very colorful and bright. Think about how you will use color on your bird and in your background.

Want to download an entry form?

Want to see past winners?

Want to find out more about the contest or the festival?

Visit  
[shorebirdfestival.com](http://shorebirdfestival.com)



## Awards and Prizes

**Five winners in each grade will receive prizes!**

The Best of Show artwork will be used on flyers and will be displayed at City Hall and on the festival's website for a year!

All winning artwork will be displayed at Hoquiam Middle School the weekend of the Grays Harbor Shorebird and Nature Festival

~ ~ May 4th - 5th 2024 ~ ~

# 2023 Grays Harbor Shorebird and Nature Festival Poster Contest Entry Form

**Who can enter:** The contest is only open to students in grades 1-6 in Grays Harbor County, Washington.

**Important:** *Entries must be on 12 x 18 inch paper* and cannot contain any words on the front. **Glue entry form to the back of each student's poster.** Winning posters will be displayed the weekend of the Grays Harbor Shorebird and Nature Festival May 4th-5th at Hoquiam Middle School. The Awards Ceremony will take place during the festival at Hoquiam Middle School on Sunday, May 5th. All entries will be returned to teachers following the festival.

**Entry deadline:** Postmarked or hand-delivered to the Port of Grays Harbor by **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Mail entries to:** Shorebird Festival Poster Contest, c/o Port of Grays Harbor, PO Box 660, Aberdeen WA 98520. Or **Hand Deliver** entries to the Port office at 111 S Wooding Street, in Aberdeen.

**Local Shorebirds – You must choose your shorebirds from the following list:**

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|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| - Long-billed Curlew   | - Long-billed Dowitcher | - Short-billed Dowitcher | - Dunlin              | - Semipalmated Sandpiper |
| - Marbled Godwit       | - Killdeer              | - Red Knot               | - Black Oystercatcher | - Pacific Golden-Plover  |
| - Red-necked Phalarope | - Black-bellied Plover  | - Semipalmated Plover    | - Sanderling          | - Red Phalarope          |
| - Least Sandpiper      | - Rock Sandpiper        | - Spotted Sandpiper      | - Western Sandpiper   | - Wilson's Phalarope     |
| - Wilson's Snipe       | - Surfbird              | - Wandering Tattler      | - Black Turnstone     | - Lesser Yellowlegs      |
| - Ruddy Turnstone      | - Whimbrel              | - Willet                 | - Greater Yellowlegs  | - Pectoral Sandpiper     |

**Before submitting:** Please be sure you have followed each of the following guidelines:

- The entry must be 12x18 inches.
- ***It cannot contain ANY words on the front! This includes titles, labels, names, etc.!***
- The entry must depict a LOCAL shorebird (from the above list.)
- It must be the student's original artwork.

Artwork may be disqualified by the judges if these guideline were not followed.

*You can use any art medium to create your entry; crayons, markers, pencils, paints, or whatever you'd like!*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Home Phone Number (this is how we will contact winners!): \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Art Entry Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Species of Bird: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Entries must feature Local Shorebird(s), listed above.

Medium Used: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this is my original work, and is not a copy of published photographs, magazines, book illustrations, or other materials protected by copyright laws. I grant exclusive right to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and its designees to utilize my artwork for reproduction and promotional purposes, and to display my art; also I agree that my artwork may be used, altered, or published as they see fit without compensation to me.

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact the Education Coordinator at [graysharboreducation@fws.gov](mailto:graysharboreducation@fws.gov)