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Mt. Diablo Audubon Society 2021 Photography Contest Results Are Here!

Welcome to a special summer edition of *The Quail*, highlighting the winners and finalists of the Second Annual MDAS Photo Contest.

We received even more entries this year than last: over 133 photos representing dozens of species, submitted by 38 talented MDAS members. These amazing shots ranged from chuckle-worthy, to adorable, to jaw-dropping, and included a sizable number taken by young people.

The caliber of the entries was so terrific that it was extremely difficult to decide on winners, so we thank our special guest judges Bob Lewis of Golden Gate Audubon, and Bill Pelletier and Kitty O'Neil of Santa Clara Valley Audubon, for serving in this blind judging. You can visit Bob's website [HERE](#) and Bill's and Kitty's Facebook page [HERE](#).

Please enjoy the winners and finalists illustrated below in each of our eight categories, including two new ones this year. There were many, many more marvelous entries that deserve acclaim, and we hope to highlight them in future editions of *The Quail*.

First-place winners will receive gift cards for **Wild Birds Unlimited, Pleasant Hill**.

Special thanks to *MDAS Education Chair* Krista Vossekuil for organizing the submissions and serving as contest administrator.

Category: Action



First Place



Category: Action

Species: American Bittern

Photographer: Chris Wills

Location: Colusa National Wildlife Refuge



First Runner-up



Category: Action

Species: Sandhill Cranes

Photographer: Sharon Anderson

Location: Thornton



Runners-up



Category: Action

Species: Golden Eagle

Photographer: Jerry Britten

Location: Lassen County



Category: Action

Species: Greater Sage Grouse

Photographer: Pamela Lorenz

Location: Litchfield



Category: Action

Species: Northern Saw-whet Owl

Photographer: Joan Duffield

Location: Mount Diablo State Park

Category: Portrait



First Place



Category: Portrait
Species: Brown Pelican
Photographer: Jean Halford
Location: Lake Merritt



First Runner-up



Category: Portrait

Species: Burrowing Owl

Photographer: Pamela Lorenz

Location: Imperial County



Runners-up



Category: Portrait

Species: American Crow

Photographer: Alan Krakauer

Location: Point Reyes



Category: Portrait

Species: California Scrub Jay

Photographer: Chris Wills

Location: Point Lobos



Category: Portrait

Species: Cooper's Hawk

Photographer: Wayne Narr

Location: Danville



Category: Portrait

Species: Townsend's Warbler

Photographer: Jerry Britten

Location: Brentwood



Category: Portrait

Species: White-faced Ibis

Photographer: Sharon Anderson

Location: Bridgeport

Category: Bird Families



First Place



Category: Bird Families

Species: Western Tanagers

Photographer: Sharon Anderson

Location: Mammoth Lakes



First Runner-up



Category: Bird Families

Species: Western Grebes

Photographer: Chris Wills

Location: Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge



Runners-up



Category: Bird Families
Species: American Dippers
Photographer: Pamela Lorenz
Location: Sierra City



Category: Bird Families
Species: California Quail

Photographer: Jean Halford

Location: Martinez



Category: Bird Families

Species: Great Horned Owls

Photographer: Paul Schorr

Location: Antioch

Category: Humorous



First Place



Category: Humorous

Species: Great Blue Heron

Photographer: Paul Schorr

Location: Antioch



First Runner-up



Category: Humorous

Species: Great Egret

Photographer: Cheryl Abel

Location: Martinez



Runners-up



Category: Humorous

Species: Bullock's Orioles

Photographer: Jerry Britten

Location: Morgan Territory



Category: Humorous

Species: Costa's Hummingbird
Photographer: Daniel Sandri
Location: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park



Category: Humorous
Species: Great Horned Owl
Photographer: Chris Wills
Location: Point Reyes

Category: Female Birds



First Place



Category: Female Birds

Species: Bushtit

Photographer: Jerry Britten

Location: Clayton



First Runner-up



Category: Female Birds

Species: Vermillion Flycatcher

Photographer: Daniel Sandri

Location: Morongo



Runners-up



Category: Female Birds

Species: Greater Sage Grouse

Photographer: Sharon Anderson

Location: Bodie



Category: Female Birds
Species: Western Bluebird
Photographer: Jean Halford
Location: Richmond



Category: Female Birds

Species: Wild Turkey
Photographer: Alan Krakauer
Location: East Richmond Heights

Category: Birds Dining



First Place



Category: Birds Dining
Species: Double-crested Cormorant
Photographer: Sharon Anderson
Location: Heather Farm Park



First Runner-up



Category: Birds Dining

Species: Black Oystercatcher

Photographer: Jerry Britten

Location: San Francisco



Runners-up



Category: Birds Dining

Species: Anna's Hummingbird

Photographer: Jean Halford

Location: Martinez



Category: Birds Dining

Species: Brown Thrasher

Photographer: Maren Smith

Location: Lake Alpine



Category: Birds Dining
Species: Song Sparrow
Photographer: Beth Branthaver
Location: Hawk Hill

Category: Youth



First Place



Category: Youth

Species: Anna's Hummingbird

Photographer: Anna He

Location: Foster City



First Runner-up



Category: Youth

Species: Peregrine Falcon

Photographer: Parham Pourahmad

Location: Pacifica



Runners-up



Category: Youth

Species: Anna's Hummingbird

Photographer: Stasia Nguyen

Location: San Ramon



Category: Youth

Species: Great Blue Herons

Photographer: Anna He

Location: San Francisco



Category: Youth

Species: White-tailed Kite

Photographer: Alex Cho

Location: Coyote Hills



Category: Youth

Species: Wood Duck

Photographer: Ellie Soulette

Location: Clear Lake

Category: Bloopers



First Place



Category: Bloopers

Species: White-winged Scoter

Photographer: Jerry Britten

Location: Richmond Marina



First Runner-up



Category: Bloopers

Species: Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Photographer: Maren Smith

Location: Berkeley



Runners-up



Category: Bloopers

Species: Bushtit

Photographer: Arnold Joe

Location: Chabot Regional Park



Category: Bloopers

Species: California Towhee

Photographer: Alan Bade

Location: Pleasant Hill



Category: Bloopers

Species: Canada Geese

Photographer: Mona Lange

Location: Rio Vista

We hope you enjoyed these wonderful shots by our talented MDAS members! Sincere congratulations to all of our winners and runners-up. We are grateful for their enthusiastic participation, and for sharing their joy in the beauty of birds that unites us all.

Please feel free to forward this email to friends who may enjoy the pictures and spread appreciation for our fine photographers.

Thanks to *The Quail* editor, Marc Desin, for publishing this extra issue highlighting the contest. And as you take more bird photos over the coming year, please keep your most amazing shots in a special folder, because we can't wait to see what you come up with for next year's MDAS Photo Contest!

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