

The Quail

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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





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Species: American Bittern **Photographer:** Chris Wills

Location: Colusa National Wildlife Refuge





Category: Action

Species: Sandhill Cranes

Photographer: Sharon Anderson

Location: Thornton





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





Species: Brown Pelican

Photographer: Jean Halford

Location: Lake Merritt

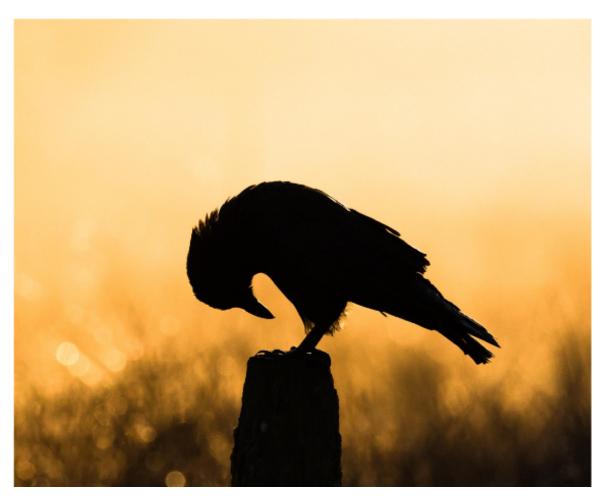




Species: Burrowing Owl

Photographer: Pamela Lorenz Location: Imperial County





Category: Portrait

Species: American Crow

Photographer: Alan Krakauer

Location: Point Reyes



Species: California Scrub Jay Photographer: Chris Wills Location: Point Lobos



Species: Cooper's Hawk **Photographer:** Wayne Narr

Location: Danville

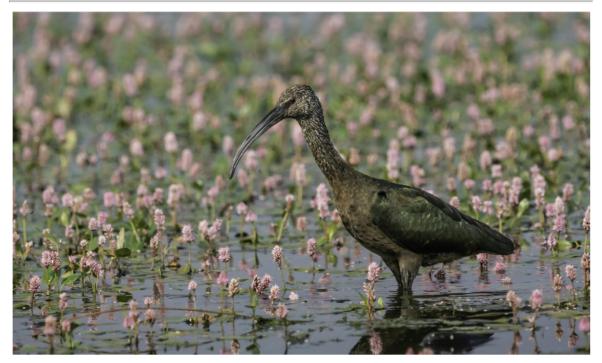


Category: Portrait

Species: Townsend's Warbler

Photographer: Jerry Britten

Location: Brentwood



Category: Portrait

Species: White-faced Ibis

Photographer: Sharon Anderson

Location: Bridgeport

Category: Bird Families





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Species: Western Tanagers

Photographer: Sharon Anderson

Location: Mammoth Lakes





Category: Bird Families
Species: Western Grebes
Photographer: Chris Wills

Location: Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge





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





Category: Humorous

Species: Great Blue Heron **Photographer:** Paul Schorr

Location: Antioch





Category: Humorous **Species:** Great Egret

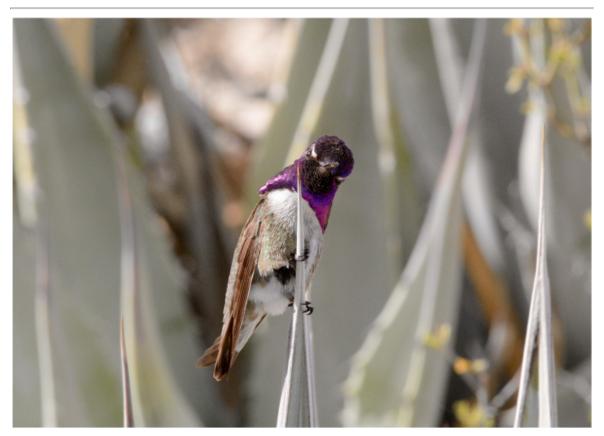
Photographer: Cheryl Abel

Location: Martinez





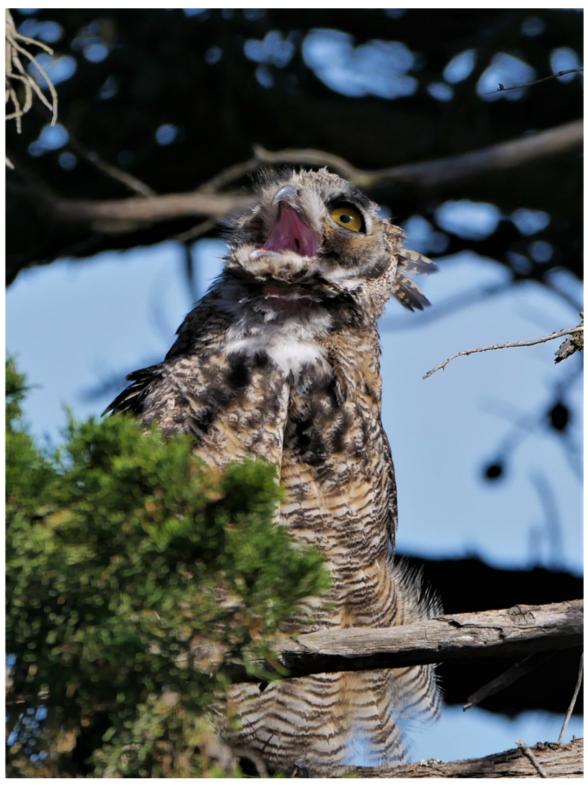
Category: Humorous
Species: Bullock's Orioles
Photographer: Jerry Britten
Location: Morgan Territory



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





Category: Female Birds

Species: Bushtit

Photographer: Jerry Britten

Location: Clayton



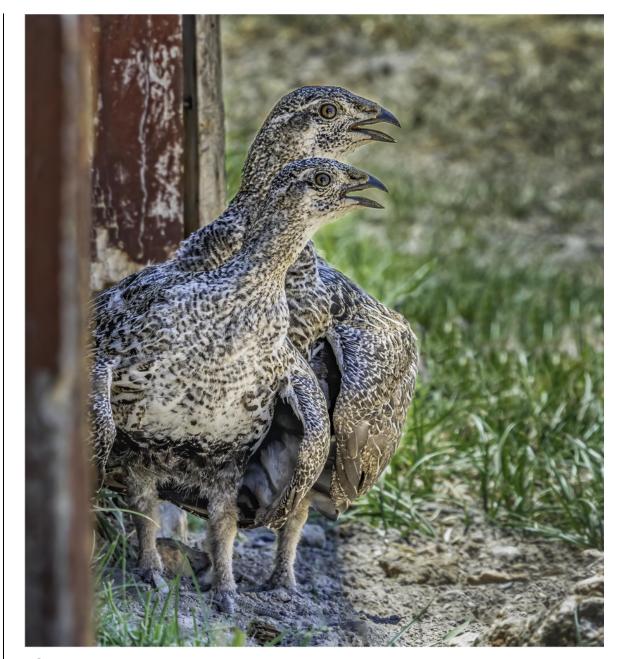


Category: Female Birds

Species: Vermillion Flycatcher **Photographer:** Daniel Sandri

Location: Morongo





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





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Species: Double-crested Cormorant **Photographer:** Sharon Anderson **Location:** Heather Farm Park





Category: Birds Dining

Species: Black Oystercatcher **Photographer:** Jerry Britten **Location:** San Francisco





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

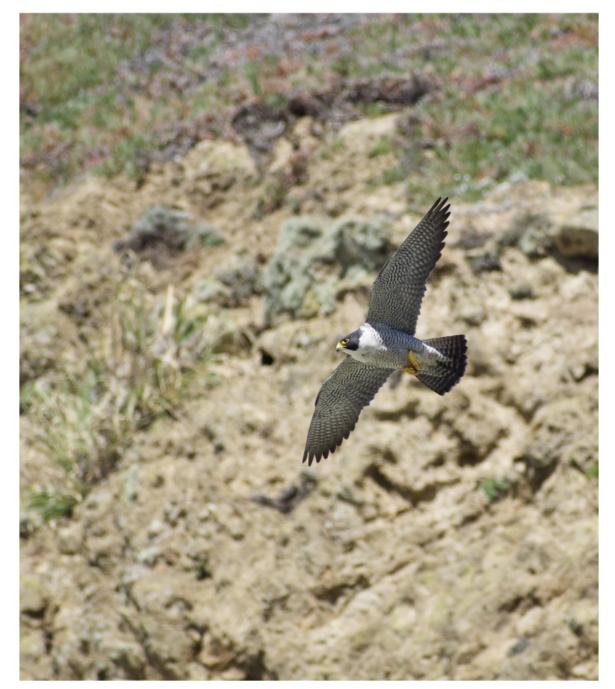




Species: Anna's Hummingbird

Photographer: Anna He Location: Foster City





Species: Peregrine Falcon

Photographer: Parham Pourahmad

Location: Pacifica





Species: Anna's Hummingbird **Photographer:** Stasia Nguyen

Location: San Ramon



Category: Youth

Species: Great Blue Herons
Photographer: Anna He
Location: San Francisco



Species: White-tailed Kite Photographer: Alex Cho Location: Coyote Hills



Category: Youth
Species: Wood Duck

Photographer: Ellie Soulette

Location: Clear Lake

Category: Bloopers





Category: Bloopers

Species: White-winged Scoter **Photographer:** Jerry Britten **Location:** Richmond Marina





Category: Bloopers

Species: Ruby-crowned Kinglet **Photographer:** Maren Smith

Location: Berkeley





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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