

WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

Collectible Conservation Stamp

ART SHOW



Featuring the
Western Tanager



RULES

Eligibility

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department (Game and Fish) encourages all Wyoming K-12 students to participate and learn more about Wyoming wildlife through the Student Conservation Stamp Art Competition. Immediate family members of Game and Fish Employees or Game and Fish Commissioners are not eligible to win prizes. Art teachers are encouraged to submit their students' artwork, but students may submit artwork individually. Any teacher who submits artwork for a winning artist will receive a cash prize along with the artist. Entry Forms and Artist's Data Sheet must be completed for all artwork submitted.

Subject Matter

All artwork must feature the Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*). Each painting will be carefully evaluated by Game and Fish biologists for anatomical accuracy of the animal and ecological correctness of any habitat. Judges are instructed to ensure any habitat illustrated depicts the species in its natural habitat and that the habitat is found in Wyoming. Entries determined to be biologically inaccurate will be ineligible to win a monetary award, and may only be eligible to win an Honorable Mention. For this year's species, the biological judge will be looking at the following:

Size

Up to about 7¼ inches long with an 11½-inch wing span.
Has a stocky build for its size.

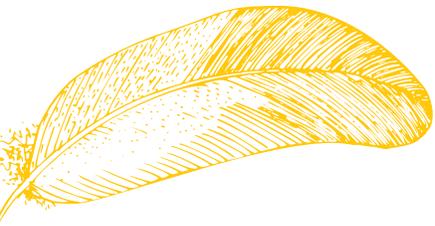
Features

Orange-red head, yellow body and black wings and back. Its short tail also is black. Wings have two distinct wingbars. Feet are gray. Displays and upright posture.

Habitat

Forested areas, usually conifer or mixed conifer/deciduous. These birds often remain at the tops of trees and can be difficult to see.





Original Artwork

The artwork must be the artist's original creation. Any artwork recognized as a copy will be ineligible for a prize. It is left to the conscience of the artist, whether the work submitted is their own work, or the creative inspiration of someone else.

Medium

Artwork may be multi-color or black and white. It must consist of a two dimensional design, meaning it must be some form of ink, pencil or paint. Sculptures or other three dimensional submissions will not be accepted.

Format

Artwork should be submitted on paper in a horizontal format. Print out the Artist's data sheet on a piece of 8.5x11 inch paper and complete your artwork on the back side of the Artist's data sheet. The final artwork should be 8.5 inches in height by 11 inches in width, drawn in a horizontal format.

Submission Procedures

To enter, complete the online entry form and attach a digital copy of the artwork. Submissions can be scanned or photographed and sent through the submission form.

To fill out the submission form, visit: <https://bit.ly/StudentArtSubmissionForm>

Teachers may mail entries for the students of their class to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department Headquarters or submit entries digitally. Mailed entries should be sent to:

**Student Conservation Stamp Competition
Services Division - Wy Game and Fish
5400 Bishop Blvd. Cheyenne, WY 82006-0001**

All winning artists may be asked to send a physical copy of their artwork to be displayed at the Game and Fish Headquarters in Cheyenne, Wyoming from April 27-June 1, 2024. All artwork should be signed by the artists.

Students may submit up to two entries for the Collectible Conservation Stamp Competition. Only the highest placing entry from each individual artist will be recognized and receive a monetary award.

Deadline For Entries

Game and Fish begins accepting entries on January 2, 2024. Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on April 10, 2024.

Date and Location of Judging

An awards ceremony will be held virtually on Facebook on April 26, 2024. Judging will happen earlier the week of April 15, 2024.

Judging

All final entries will be displayed for judges digitally. The only visible identification mark on each entry during judging will be the number assigned to the entry by the competition coordinator or his/her designated representative. Signatures will be concealed during judging. Artists receiving first through third place will be awarded. A panel of judges from the arts, printing and biology professions will evaluate the entries. Entries will be judged on the following:

- How well the artwork represents the species (including ecological correctness of any habitat - see specifics in "Subject Matter")
- Artistic composition
- Technical skill

Compensation

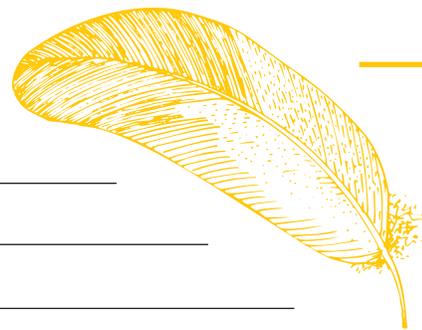
Wyoming Game and Fish will award first through third place in each grade level group. The groups are as follows:

- Kindergarten - 2nd grade
- 3rd-5th grade
- 6th-8th grade
- 9th-12th grade

The first place winning artist will receive a \$150 payment; second place \$100; third place \$50; If the winning artwork was submitted by the student's teacher, then the teacher's class will receive a matching award to purchase supplies for their classroom.



ARTIST DATA SHEET



Artist's Name: _____

Title of Artwork: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Grad Level: _____

Teacher: _____

School: _____

I grant the Wyoming Game and Fish Department permission to use my first name, first initial of my last name, school name, and a copy of my artwork in connection with the Contest and for any other related reason or purpose.

Artist's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____