

# ENDANGERED SPECIES CHALK ART EVENT

6th Annual • 2026

A nationwide, all-ages chalk art competition honoring Endangered Species Day — Friday, May 15, 2026

Full event details, entry forms & prizes: [endangered.org/endangered-species-chalk-art-event/](http://endangered.org/endangered-species-chalk-art-event/)

**WHEN** **May 1-17, 2026.** Endangered Species Day is Friday, May 15. Submit photos May 1 (9 a.m. PT) through May 17 (11:59 p.m. PT).

**WHO** Anyone — all ages, all skill levels, anywhere in the world. Create alone or collaborate.

**WHAT** Chalk art featuring at least one threatened or endangered species. Photograph it and submit online. Entry forms via QR codes on this page and page 2.

**COST** Free to enter. Open to all.

## HOW TO ENTER

- Art must feature **at least one threatened or endangered species.**
- Artwork must be **new** (created within the previous week — no reusing old photos).
- Use chalk of any type. Photograph your art.
- Submit via entry form — QR codes on pages 1 & 2.
- Parents, guardians, or teachers must submit on behalf of children and students under 18.

## WHERE TO CHALK

- Your driveway or garage
- Apartment courtyard (w/permission)
- Parking lots (w/permission)
- Indoor chalkboard
- School sidewalk (w/permission)
- Public sidewalks (if legal locally)

Only chalk on a street closed to traffic. Laws on chalking public property vary — check local rules first.



**Black-footed Ferret**

*Mustela nigripes* — Federally Endangered

Native to SD's Great Plains • One of America's rarest mammals

Photo: USFWS (public domain)

## PRIZES

CATEGORY	1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE
Grades K-2	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$25</b>
Grades 3-5	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$25</b>
Grades 6-8	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$25</b>
Grades 9-12	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$25</b>
Adult (18+)	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$25</b>

### Public Vote Prize — \$250

The Endangered Species Coalition will post all entries on **May 20th** for public voting. Vote until **May 27 (4 p.m. ET)**. Winner announced **May 29**.

### Best Bat Art — \$50 🦇

Sponsored by Bat Conservation International. See page 2!

### Lottery (5 winners)

T-shirts, fair-trade chocolate, honorable mention certificates & more

★ Prizes current as of April 2026 and **may increase**. Always check [endangered.org/endangered-species-chalk-art-event/](http://endangered.org/endangered-species-chalk-art-event/) for updates.

**Need species ideas?** See the Naturalist's Resource Guide and Teacher Resources — scan QR codes below.



**Monarch Butterfly**

*Danaus plexippus* — Proposed Threatened — ESA listing pending

Iconic pollinator • Breeds & raises multiple generations in SD each summer

Photo: USFWS (public domain)

## SCAN OR CLICK TO ACCESS — EVENT PAGE, ADULT ENTRY FORM & TEACHER RESOURCES



**EVENT PAGE & FULL DETAILS**

[endangered.org/endangered-species-chalk-art-event/](http://endangered.org/endangered-species-chalk-art-event/)



**ADULT (18+) ENTRY FORM**

[docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmnNNBHSp6\\_HpqSR8XOSqzzg\\_A1pZSdwN6zkEFvlqdyew\\_A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmnNNBHSp6_HpqSR8XOSqzzg_A1pZSdwN6zkEFvlqdyew_A/viewform)



**TEACHER & EDUCATOR RESOURCES**

[endangered.org/endangered-species-day-3/teachers-resource-center/](http://endangered.org/endangered-species-day-3/teachers-resource-center/)

# STUDENT & CHILD ENTRY — CHALK ART EVENT 2026

Endangered Species Day • Friday, May 15, 2026 • Submissions: May 1-17



## STUDENT / CHILD ENTRY FORM

Scan QR code or click URL:  
[docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffiocz-2PBsZxe6kepQey-MxiutBxECjSiU0CsgnNWM6moZw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffiocz-2PBsZxe6kepQey-MxiutBxECjSiU0CsgnNWM6moZw/viewform)

## HOW STUDENTS & CHILDREN ENTER

**Who submits:** Parents, guardians, or teachers must submit on behalf of children and students under 18.

**Grade prizes — 1st / 2nd / 3rd place in each category:**

- Grades K-2: **\$100 / \$50 / \$25** • Grades 3-5: **\$100 / \$50 / \$25**
- Grades 6-8: **\$100 / \$50 / \$25** • Grades 9-12: **\$100 / \$50 / \$25**

**Requirements:** Photo of chalk art created within the previous week, featuring at least one threatened or endangered species. Any chalk type.

**Submission window:** May 1 (9 a.m. PT) through May 17 (11:59 p.m. PT).

★ Prizes current as of April 2026 and **may increase**. Check event webpage for latest.

**Adults (18+) enter here:** Scan the Adult Entry QR code on page 1, or go directly to:

[docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmnNNBHS6\\_HpqSR8XOSqzzg\\_A1pZSdwN6zkEFVlqdyew\\_A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmnNNBHS6_HpqSR8XOSqzzg_A1pZSdwN6zkEFVlqdyew_A/viewform)

Adult prizes: **1st \$100 / 2nd \$50 / 3rd \$25** • Plus eligible for \$250 Public Vote Prize and \$50 Bat Art Prize!



### American Burying Beetle

*Nicrophorus americanus* — Federally Threatened (downlisted 2020)  
Found in SD • Largest carrion beetle in N. America  
Source: USFWS

## SPECIAL \$50 BAT ART PRIZE!

Sponsored by **Bat Conservation International** — a special **\$50 prize** for the best bat-themed chalk art. Any endangered bat species qualifies, and you can win this *in addition* to your grade or adult category prize!

## PHAS RESOURCES FOR YOUR CHALK ART

Prairie Hills Audubon Society has compiled these free resources to help you find species images and information. These documents are on the PHAS website at [phas-wsd.org](https://phas-wsd.org)



### WILDLIFE & PLANT IMAGE RESOURCES GUIDE

18 free-to-use sources for wildlife photos & illustrations — government databases, historic naturalist art, Creative Commons. Includes copyright guidance.

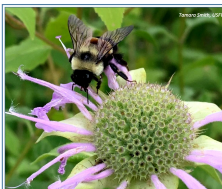
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### THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES LISTS REFERENCE

Federal, state & tribal T&E species lists — find great species to draw and verify a species' listed status.

[phas-wsd.org/wp-content/uploads/Claude\\_TE\\_species\\_lists\\_reference.pdf](https://phas-wsd.org/wp-content/uploads/Claude_TE_species_lists_reference.pdf)



### Rusty Patched Bumble Bee

*Bombus affinis* — Federally Endangered since 2017  
First bee listed in contiguous US • Historically in SD, now extirpated locally  
Photo: Tamara Smith, USFWS (public domain)

**2026 Chalk Art Contest Sponsors:** Bat Conservation International • National Audubon Society • Defenders of Wildlife • Izaak Walton League of America, Rapid City Chapter

*“More than 1 million species worldwide are threatened with extinction. Art is one of the most powerful tools we have to draw attention to this crisis.”*