MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



KIDS ART CONTEST





WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE DNR'S FIRST **EXTINCT AND EXTIRPATED ANIMAL ART CONTEST**! THIS CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL ARTISTS AGES 5-17. SEE BELOW FOR CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES.

EXTINCT: SPECIES THAT NO LONGER EXIST ON EARTH.
EXTIRPATED: SPECIES THAT NO LONGER NATURALLY OCCUR IN THE WILD IN MARYLAND. NOT FULLY EXTINCT, AS THEY STILL CAN BE FOUND IN OTHER PLACES–JUST NOT MARYLAND ANYMORE.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

PICK AN ANIMAL THAT IS **EXTINCT** OR **EXTIRPATED** IN MARYLAND. IMAGINE IF THAT ANIMAL STILL LIVED IN MARYLAND TODAY. DRAW A PICTURE OF THAT ANIMAL IN YOUR BACKYARD OR AT ANOTHER OUTDOOR LOCATION YOU THINK IT WOULD LOVE TO VISIT (EX. YOUR SCHOOL PLAYGROUND, YOUR LOCAL PARK)

Any art medium is accepted, but please no AI!
We want to see YOUR creativity!

DEADLINE:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2026

ALL ARTISTS WELCOME!

AGE RESTRICTIONS:

5-17

WINNERS CHOSEN FOR THREE AGE BRACKETS: ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL AGES

SUBMIT YOUR ARTWORK TO KATHERINE.GORSUCH1@MARYLAND.GOV