

# Birds



**First Place**  
Sarah Morgan, Herrin  
Close-up of male cardinal



**Second Place**  
Matt Buedel, Peoria  
A pair of goldfinches argue over a  
thistle at Banner Marsh State Fish  
and Wildlife Area

**Third Place**

**Kevin Adams, Stillman Valley**

Bobwhite portrait



**Honorable Mention**

**Ray King, Metamora**

Nest-cleaning duty for a bald eagle parent



**Honorable Mention**

**Clara Trill, Johnston City**

Cardinal cafe



**Honorable Mention**

**Chris Gitz, Freeport**

Red-tailed hawk taking off