

## Pond Lookout is a Winner

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South Texas Border Chapter Texas Master Naturalist Robert “Zeke” Schmidt was awarded first place in the Student Photography Contest (high school division) at the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival held November 8-12, 2023 in Harlingen.

Zeke’s photograph, “Pond Lookout,” was taken at Estero Llano Grande State Park, and was his first-ever entry into the Birding Festival contest.

(Above) “Zeke” Schmidt awarded first place in photography contest at Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival

(Right) Schmidt’s “Pond Lookout” is the winning entry in the high school photography division

