Ring-necked duck, Best of Show
By Steven Pate, age 14, Art teacher: Paula Flohr
Sheldon High School, Sacramento

December 2000

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Ring-necks are predominantly found in small lakes and woodland ponds. In winter, they are common in the Sacramento Valley.

Ring-necks are found in Southern Alaska, Canada, the United States, Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean.

California is home to about 50 percent of the ring-necks that use the Pacific Flyway. In fall and winter, they form flocks of 20-60 birds, often flying in a long "train."

Ring-necked ducklings can dive for food when they are only a few days old, but mainly feed by dabbling on the surface.

Northern Shovelers, Honorable Mention
By Eva Marie Bittleston, age 18, Art teacher: Katie Harper
Santa Cruz High School, Santa Cruz