



Hooded Merganser, Third Place  
 By Aaron Yamagata, age 10, Art teacher: Didi Yamagata  
 Home Schooled, Encino

August 2002							October 2002						
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# September

The hooded merganser can be found wintering in California along the coast and inland wetlands. During the nesting season, the merganser seeks nesting cavities found in trees, dead snags, or man-made nest boxes along wooded lakes, ponds, rivers, or streams. The female lays five to twelve eggs that hatch after a month of incubation.

In comparison to the wood duck, the hooded merganser is more easily disturbed by man and so it will establish nests in more remote areas. This duck requires habitats with slow-moving water where it can more readily catch food such as fish and invertebrates.



Harlequin Duck, First Place  
 By Andrew Hengl, age 12, Art teacher: Andrew Denman  
 Orinda

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7 Rosh Hashanah Begins ● New Moon
8	9 California Statehood 1850	10	11	12	13 Delevan NWR Established 1962 ● First Quarter	14 Modoc Migratory Bird Festival, Modoc Co. (530) 233-3572
15 Federal Duck Stamp Competition Deadline (for adults)	16 Yom Kippur	17	18	19	20	21 Sacramento NWR Brushup Day (530) 934-2801 Sacramento River NWR Established 1989 ○ Full Moon
22 Shark Festival, Santa Cruz Co. (831) 420-5273 Autumnal Equinox	23	24	25	26	27 Kern Valley Turkey Vulture Festival, Kern Co. (760) 378-3044	28 Statewide Free Fishing Day, No License Required (916) 653-7664 Oroville Salmon Festival, Butte Co. (800) 655-4653
29 Kern Valley Turkey Vulture Festival, Kern Co. (760) 378-3044 ● Last Quarter	30 Los Banos WA Established 1929				Bufflehead, Honorable Mention By Johnley Cruz, age 10 Art teacher: Mark Rodriguez Marigold Elementary School, Chico	



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