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The Lost Photo

Mixed Media

My family and I stay at a place in the mountains near Tahoe called Angora Lakes for a week every summer. During one of our recent stays, my twin Matai and I were walking through the trees with our digital cameras when we spotted a Mountain Bluebird fledgling and its parents. We took pictures of the fledgling, and eventually it flew to a tiny tree only about five feet away from us. One of the fledgling's parents, who had been nearby most of the time, flew down to the tiny tree with a bug in its beak, and fed the fledgling! Matai was quick enough with her camera that she captured the scene perfectly! Later, Matai was transferring the photos from the SD card of her camera onto her computer. After she took the SD card out, the computer gave her a warning that she had forgotten to eject it. She put the card back in and the images were all corrupted. This piece is meant to represent the lost photo. I tried recreating the picture from memory, but I made the birds larger than life size because I wanted to challenge myself by creating an art piece on a greater scale that I usually work with.