

Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge 37th Annual Photography Contest

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Deadline: Entries will be accepted from Tuesday, **January 1, 2020** to Sunday, **March 29, 2020**. Entries can be dropped off or mailed to the Refuge Visitor Center. Entries sent by mail must be received no later than Saturday, **March 28, 2020**. The awards ceremony will be at the Refuge Visitor Center on **Sunday, May 3, 2020**. All entrants will be notified.

Rules: Entries that do not comply with the rules will be disqualified.

- ✦ The contest is open to all photographers except members of the Everglades Photographic Society.
- ✦ All entries must be taken within boundaries of the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge (LNWR), Stormwater Treatment Area 1 (STA-1W and STA-1E), Wellington Environmental Park, Strazzulla Tract Wetlands, and Water Conservation Area 2 (WCA 2A and WCA 2B).
- ✦ Each submission is limited to a total of no more than 5 images. **No more than 2 submissions per photographer.**
- ✦ Submitted entries must be the original work of the photographer, and the photographer must own the copyright to the image. The photographer retains the copyright of the submitted images but must agree to allow the LNWR to use and publish the submitted entries without further compensation to the copyright holder.
- ✦ Photos that have won awards in previous LNWR photo contests may not be resubmitted. Photos that have been published or sold may not be submitted.
- ✦ Photos containing recognizable images of people must be accompanied by a model release. More information about the model release and the release form can be obtained at the contest web site: loxahatcheefriends.com/photocontest/
- ✦ Submissions must be digital, and they must be submitted on a CD, DVD, or USB flash drive. Photos that were taken with a film camera must be scanned in and submitted on a CD, DVD, or USB flash drive. Digital support is available if needed by contacting the Everglades Photographic Society at loxcontest@gmail.com
- ✦ High-resolution JPEG images, measuring at least 2000 pixels on the longest side, may be copied on as many CDs, DVDs, or USB flash drives as needed. These will be the images used for final judging and publication/exhibition. If you prefer, you may simply submit the original JPEG image as taken by the camera.
- ✦ Each image must be labeled with your first and last name, image title, and category it is to enter. For example: FirstLast-TitleCategory.jpg. If you know the common name of the species photographed, please include it in your title.
- ✦ Each CD, DVD, or USB flash drive must bear the photographer's name, phone number, and e-mail address. Media used to submit entries will not be returned.
- ✦ **Photos bearing the photographers name or watermark as part of the actual image will be disqualified.**

All photographs, except those submitted as Artistic, should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization will be disqualified. Acceptable: adjustments to color, contrast, brightness and sharpness; removal of dust and scratches; cropping; black and white conversions. High Dynamic Range imaging is acceptable in all categories. Stitching is acceptable in Landscapes. Unacceptable, except for Artistic: composites (combination of two or more photos, not of the same scene); the addition, duplication, deletion or moving of objects in the photos; digital effects that do not show the scene in its natural way. ¹ As stated by the National Wildlife Federation Photo Contest, with small modifications.

Categories: Entries will be judged on technical excellence, originality, creativity, visual impact, and artistic merit. All decisions of the judges are final.

Avian – Birds in their natural habitat.

Fauna – Animals (other than Birds) in their natural habitat, including close-ups of invertebrates.

Flora – Plants in their natural habitat, including close-ups of flowers, fungi, lichen, and algae.

Landscapes – Expansive and dramatic views of the land and its features.

Artistic – Artistic compositions in nature both natural and manipulated in post processing (infrared, unlimited digital manipulation).

Youth – Any entry of up to 5 photographs by photographers under 18 years of age. Each photograph must fit into one of the categories above.

Entry Fee: A check or money order in the amount of \$20 (US) must be included with your entry and made out to Friends of the Loxahatchee Refuge. Friends of the Loxahatchee Refuge members and Refuge Staff may enter the contest for \$15 (US). Participants in the youth category may enter the contest for free.

Prizes: One grand prize of \$150 (US) will be awarded. Awards for each category: 1st Place - \$75, 2nd Place - \$50, 3rd Place - \$25

Entry Form: Each submission MUST be accompanied by a completed entry form with ALL information clearly filled out. Entries can be dropped off or mailed to the Refuge Visitor Center at:

Loxahatchee Photo Contest
Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
10216 Lee Road
Boynton Beach, Florida 33473-4797

Winning images may be cropped to 8x10 or other sizes for exhibition at the Refuge Visitor Center and other venues.

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Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Entry Information:

	Category	Title or Species Name
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Categories: Artistic, Avian, Fauna, Flora, Landscape, Youth: Artistic, Avian, Fauna, Flora, Landscape

- I am a Friends Member, Refuge Volunteer, or Refuge Staff Member (**Entry Fee \$15**)
- I am entering in the Youth (Under 18) category (**FREE**)
- None of the above (**Entry Fee \$20**)

Entering the 2020 contest grants the Friends of the Loxahatchee Refuge and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service the right to reproduce, modify, publish, and publicly display the submitted photographs in print or electronic form for educational and promotional purposes without compensation and without notice to the photographer. The submitted photographs will become the property of the Refuge. All other rights to these images will be retained by the photographer. Photos containing recognizable images of people must be accompanied by a model release. More information about the model release and the release form can be obtained at the contest web site: loxahatcheefriends.com/photocontest/

Entries will be accepted at the Refuge Visitor Center on Lee Road between **January 1, 2020** and **March 29, 2020**. Entries *sent by mail* must be *received* no later than **March 28, 2020**. *Please note: The contest ends on a Sunday.* The awards ceremony will be at the Refuge Visitor Center on Sunday, May 3, 2020. Winners will be notified.

I understand and agree to the contest rules and conditions and certify that all photo entries were produced by me.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For participants under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must complete the following:

I have read the contest rules and his/her participation is with my permission.

Print Name

Signature

Date

For additional information please visit loxahatcheefriends.com/photocontest/

Model Release Form

Photographer: _____

Shoot date: _____

Photographer's Signature: _____

Model's Permission and Rights Granted

For good and valuable Consideration of _____ herein acknowledged as received and by signing this release I hereby give the Photographer and Assigns my permission to license the Images and to use the Images in any Media for any purpose (except pornographic, defamatory, libelous, or otherwise unlawful) which may include, among others, advertising, promotion, marketing and packaging for any product or service. I agree that the Images may be combined with other images, text and graphics, and cropped, altered or modified.

I agree that I have no rights to the Images, and all rights to the Images belong to the Photographer and Assigns. I acknowledge and agree that I have no further right to additional Consideration or accounting, and that I will make no further claim for any reason to Photographer and/or Assigns. I acknowledge and agree that this release is binding upon my heirs and assigns. I agree that this release is irrevocable, worldwide and perpetual, and will be governed by the laws of the United States and the State of Florida.

To be completed by the model or model's parent or legal guardian (for minors):

Model / Parent / Legal Guardian

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Model's Date of Birth: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____