

2010 Florida Wildlife Magazine Photography Contest Rules

Divisions

This year, the photography contest will be split into two divisions: amateur and professional/semi-professional.

- **Amateur:** The amateur division is for those photographers who have not received payment for their photographs in any field – wildlife, wedding, school, craft shows, print/web media, etc.
- **Professional/Semi-professional:** Photographers that have been paid for photographs/prints, published or unpublished, in any field – wildlife, wedding, school, craft shows, print/web media, etc.

Awards for this or other contests will not be considered payment. Past winners of the Florida Wildlife Photography Contest may be entered in the Amateur Division so long as they have not received payment for prints or publication rights for any of their photographs.

Categories

There are three categories in the 2010 contest.

- **Bird watching:** Birds living in or visiting Florida.
- **Living wild:** Any wild animals, other than birds, pictured in a Florida habitat. This includes mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects and fish.
- **Natural scenes:** Where Florida's animals live.

Prizes

- **Grand prize:** \$300 awarded for best overall photograph.
- **First place** winners in each category will be awarded \$125.
- **Second prize** winners will receive \$100.
- **Third place** winners will receive \$75.
- **Awards of Merit** may be given. Winners will receive \$50.

Rules

- Wildlife pictured must be live – pictures of mounted wildlife are not eligible.

- Images of domestic animals (dogs, cats, cattle, etc.) or captive animals (zoo animals, etc) are not eligible.
- Images must be taken within the state of Florida.
- All entries must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, 2010. Entries received after this date will be automatically disqualified and returned to the entrant.
- Employees of the FWC and their immediate families are not eligible.
- Photographs previously submitted to or published by Florida Wildlife Magazine or any other FWC publications are not eligible.
- One-time publication rights to each photograph must be available.
- All entries will be judged by Florida Wildlife Magazine staff and other employees of the FWC. The decisions of the judges are final.
- The judges reserve the right to decide whether entries in a category merit three awards and to decide under which category a picture will be judged. Three prizes may not be awarded in all categories.
- Winning entries posted on the Web site may have watermarks added.

Entry Procedures:

- No more than 20 entries will be accepted from a single entrant. All entries may be sent in a single package, with a single log sheet.
- If the photographs are to be returned to the photographer, a self-addressed mailer with sufficient postage for return of materials via U.S. mail must be included with entry.
- Entries must contain only photo contest material. No other correspondence should be included.
- A single, legible, letter size log must accompany each photographer's entire entry. A log sheet can be downloaded from the magazine's Web site (www.FloridaWildlifeMagazine.com) but is not required. The log sheet must contain the following information:

Name of photographer
Division: Amateur or Professional/Semi-professional
Mailing address
Telephone number, with area code
E-mail address
Category
Subject of photo
Where photo was taken
When photo was taken

- Entries may be submitted as:

Prints. Approximately 8"x10" and not framed or matted. Image must be as large as paper size will allow. 5"x7" or smaller will not be judged.

Digital images. Digital images may be submitted on a CD. For tracking purposes, a print or laser copy of each digital image should be submitted. This may be a letter-size contact sheet(s) up to full-page printouts. Images on CD will be judged, not the printout.

- The photographer's name and address must appear and be legible on the back of each copy and on the CD. The photographer's name or other information may not appear on the front of any print.
- Manipulation of images should be kept at a minimum (such as saturation, contrast, dodging, eliminating dust spots, etc.). Images in which content has been eliminated, added, rearranged, etc. will not be accepted.
- Entries will be returned via U.S. mail beginning in January 2011.
- Entrant's information (address, phone, e-mail) will not be shared or used by the FWC for any reason other than communicating with entrant regarding this contest.

Mail entries to:

Florida Wildlife Photo Contest
620 South Meridian Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600