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# Puget Sound Bird Fest 2022 Photo Contest



*Photo by Soo Baus*



*Photo by Bev Bowe*



*Photo by Jeff Huth*

Amateur and professional photographers are invited to take part in the 2022 Puget Sound Bird Fest Photo Contest in conjunction with the Puget Sound Bird Fest! There are no entry fees associated with this contest. Entries will be accepted through August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and will be displayed on-line for People's Choice Award voting in late August.

Photos must be of bird species typically found in the Puget Sound region. Photographers are invited to submit images in one of two age categories - the adult (18 and over) category and a youth (17 and under) category.

Three local professional photographers will select prize winners in both categories. The prize for both age categories is a one-year subscription to the Adobe Photography Plan (Photoshop/Lightroom) generously donated by Laura Brou and Adobe Systems.

Winners of both the juried contest and the online People's Choice contest in both age categories will be noted on the Puget Sound Bird Fest website (<http://www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org/>) after the Bird Fest concludes.

Complete instructions can be found below, and at <http://www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org/>. Contact [pugetsoundbirdfest@gmail.com](mailto:pugetsoundbirdfest@gmail.com) for more information.

# CONTEST RULES

## GENERAL

- Photographs must be your own original work in landscape or portrait orientation. Any aspect ratio is acceptable.
- No third party may own or control any materials the photo contains, and the photo must not infringe upon the intellectual property or privacy rights of any entity or person.
- Photographs must be of bird species commonly found in the Puget Sound region.
- Limit 1 entry per person in Adult or Youth (under age 18) category.
- There are no entry fees for entering the contest.
- For quality assurance, all images must be sent to [pugetsoundbirdfest@gmail.com](mailto:pugetsoundbirdfest@gmail.com) for review and pre-approval.
- Physical changes to the image scene, e.g., adding or removing objects, trees, animals, plants, people, items of civilization or stripping in sky from another image, etc. are not allowed.
- Bird Fest Planning Committee members are not eligible to take part.
- See more terms and conditions below.

## TIMELINE AND SUBMITTAL SPECS

- PRE-APPROVAL: Submit a digital image to [pugetsoundbirdfest@gmail.com](mailto:pugetsoundbirdfest@gmail.com) between **JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> and AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Late entries will not be accepted. Entries will not be accepted unless submitted via the above email address.
- Files must be JPEG file format (.jpg or .jpeg), and file size is limited to 20 MB.
- Personal watermarks are acceptable.
- NOTIFICATION of acceptance: On or before **AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**.

## INFORMATION REQUIRED AFTER ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRY

Once you have been notified that your entry has been accepted, you will be asked to reply to the acceptance email with the following information:

- Photographer Name, Phone Number, Mailing Address, Category, i.e. adult (18 and over) or junior (17 and under), age (if 17 or under), Photo Title, Species, and Where the photo was taken.
- A consent form will be provided to junior participants, to allow the use of their photographs. The form will need to be signed by a parent or legal guardian and returned to the contest organizer on or before August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

## VOTING AND AWARDING OF PRIZES

- Prize winning photos in each category will be decided by a panel of three professional photographers. The entries in each category that receive the most online votes from public voting will win the "People's Choice" Award that the winner can brag about to all their friends.
- All decisions on prize awards are final.
- The prize winners will be contacted via the email address provided. If no response is received after three (3) business days, a new winner will be selected and the previous winner will forfeit all rights to the prize.

- Prize winners, runner-ups and “People’s Choice Award winners will be announced on the Puget Sound Bird Fest website (<http://www.pugetsoundbirdfest.com/>) within one week of the end of the contest.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTEST PARTICIPATION**

- **ETHICS:** We seek images obtained in the wild under natural conditions and in an ethical manner that places the welfare of wildlife above the photographer’s desire to obtain an image. Photographers should make every effort to avoid any action that might interfere with natural wildlife behavior. More information may be found at <https://www.audubon.org/get-outside/audubons-guide-ethical-bird-photography>.
- **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:** Entrants retain ownership of copyrights and all other rights to future use of the photograph they enter. Personal watermarks on submitted photos are acceptable, and the contest organizers will add watermarks with the name of the photographer on submissions that have not been watermarked, to help protect the photographer’s intellectual property.
- **ALLOWABLE USES:** By entering the contest, entrant agrees that submitted images may be used on the contest site and the winning images may appear on the festival’s website and associated social media channels following the contest. The entrant’s name will be associated with his or her photograph whenever used for these purposes. Puget Sound Bird Fest will not use entries for commercial purposes.
- **AWARD OF PRIZES NOT GUARANTEED:** The City of Edmonds is not obligated to make any prize awards and reserves the right to refrain from awarding any prize for the contest.
- **VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW:** The contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law.