

Arizona Game and Fish Department Calendar Photo Contest Rules

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is hosting its sixth annual calendar photo contest. Winners will be published in the 2012 calendar issue of the department's wildlife magazine, Arizona Wildlife Views.

Eligibility

The contest is open to any photographer except employees of the Arizona Game and Fish Department and members of their immediate families (parents, spouses, children, or siblings living in the same household).

Theme

Send us your best wildlife images. All animal photos must depict wildlife found in Arizona and all photos must have been taken in Arizona. Photos of pets, livestock or insects (including butterflies or dragonflies) are not eligible.

Format for Submissions

Digital images: Digital images on disk. Images must be: HORIZONTAL format (not vertical), 300 dots per inch, jpeg or tiff files, 8 bit and at least 9x12 inches when printed at 300 dpi. To be sure your images qualify, check pixel dimensions as well. For a 300 dpi, 9x12 inch image, your pixel width should be 3600 and your pixel height should be 2700. To capture the required high-resolution image, set your camera at the highest level of quality possible; on some cameras, this setting is called "super fine." Read the owner's manual for instructions. This setting will create big files (meaning fewer pictures will fit on each memory card). Digital pictures taken with a 6-megapixel camera or larger are preferred. Manipulation of digital images must be limited to the kinds of manipulation that can be done with traditional film printing techniques, such as burning in and dodging, eliminating dust spots, etc. Images in which content has been altered will not be accepted.

Transparencies (slides) and prints are not accepted.

Images less than 300 dpi and 9x12 inches will be disqualified.

Entry Procedure

1. Each contestant may submit a maximum of 3 entries per person.
2. Each entry must be identified with the owner's full name and address typed or printed clearly on the disk.
3. Send an entry form with your submission, with the following information (or use the entry form provided):

Name of photographer

Photographer's signature (required)

Mailing address (good through December 2011)

Telephone number (good through December 2011)

E-mail address

Subject/Location

Where and when taken

Camera model (optional)

Exposure mode, ISO and f-stop (optional)

4. Do not include other materials with your submission (for example, subscription orders, draw applications, checks, correspondence or the like).
5. Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged unless a self-addressed, stamped postcard is included.
6. Incomplete submissions will be disqualified.

Return of Entries

No materials will be returned.

Prizes

Twelve first-place awards will be given, plus one “Best in Show” for the cover photo. The only instance in which a person could win twice would be if awarded Best in Show and one first place. Cash prizes will be given.

All winners will receive complimentary copies of the calendar issue of Arizona Wildlife Views magazine. Winning names will be posted on www.azgfd.gov.

Judging

Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the unique character of the subject. The judges’ decisions are final.

Deadline

The deadline for receipt of entries is 5 p.m. (MST) July 8, 2011 (postmarks do not count). Entries received after this date will be disqualified. Send all entries to: Arizona Game and Fish Department, IEPB photo contest, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086.

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Photographers retain copyright to their submitted photographs. By submitting one or more entries, contestants agree to have their submitted photographs published in the calendar issue of the Arizona Game and Fish Department’s magazine, Arizona Wildlife Views, and used in promotional materials for that magazine.