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Puget Sound Bird Fest 2021
On-Line Photo Contest

Amateur and professional photographers are invited to take part in the 2021 Puget Sound Bird Fest On-Line Photo Contest in conjunction with the Puget Sound Bird Fest! Accepted entries will be displayed on-line, and voting will be open to the public from Saturday, September 4th through Sunday September 12th, 2021. Voting will close at the conclusion of the event on September 12th at 6 PM.

Photos must be of bird species typically found in the Puget Sound region. Photographers are invited to submit work in one of two categories - an adult (18 and over) category and a youth (17 and under) category. Winners in both categories will be awarded a prize.

Complete instructions can be found below, and at http://www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org/. Contact 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 submitted to pugetsoundbirdfest@gmail.com for review and pre-approval.
● 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 between JUNE 15th and AUGUST 20th 2021. 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 31st, 2021.

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 31st, 2021.

VOTING AND AWARDING OF PRIZES

● Entries will be judged via online voting by members of the public; results will be tallied electronically.
● If an unusual voting pattern is discovered, the offending entry will be disqualified.
● All decisions on prize awards are final.
● The winner will be contacted via the email address provided after acceptance of entry. 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.
● Winners and runner-ups 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.