Seney National Wildlife Refuge 2015 Photo Contest

You're invited to participate in Seney National Wildlife Refuge's Amateur Photo Contest. The sole purpose of the contest is to encourage you to visit and enjoy the Refuge. Up to five entries (total) per person may be submitted - no more than three per category with exception of the youth category. The Special Assignment category will change each year. Photos may depict any of the following categories:

1. **Wildlife (Mammals, Birds, Reptiles & Amphibians, Spiders, Insects, etc.)**
2. **Public Use/Recreation**
3. **Landscape**
4. **Plants/Plant Like Organisms (Wildflowers, Lichens, Mushrooms, Liverworts, etc.)**
5. **Special Assignment 2015: Reflections; 2016: From the Forest Floor**
6. **Youth (18 and under)**

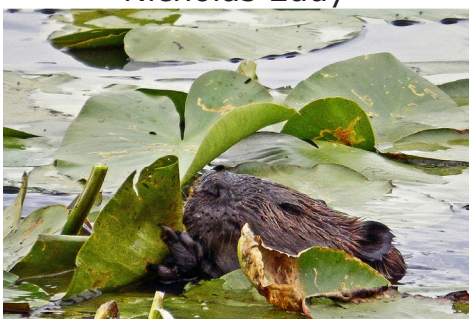
The photos will be displayed at the Visitor Center in September and October and on Seney's Flickr page (www.flickr.com/seneynwr). Credit will be given to each of the contestants once the voting has been completed. The public will vote for their favorites in each of the categories. You may cast your vote at the Visitor Center or online. Voting will begin by September 10th and end on October 20th. To vote online check out the photos on the Flickr website (www.flickr.com/seneynwr) then follow the special instructions. Certificates, ribbons and prizes (e.g. books, cards, posters, or another item from the bookstore) will be awarded. See page two for rules and regulations.

For further information please call (906) 586-9851 ext.15.

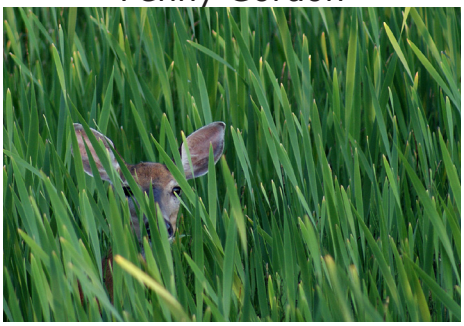
The 2014 1st Place Winners

Plants
Carol Fleming

Youth
Nicholas Eddy

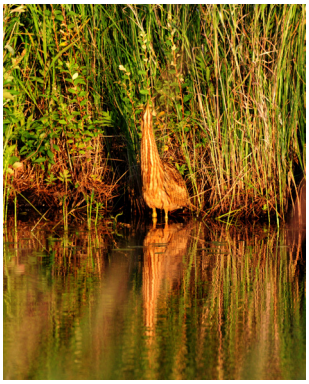


Wildlife
Penny Gordon



Recreation
Jan Barrett

Landscape
Penny Gordon



Special Assignment
Camouflage
John Hysell

Contest Rules and Regulations

1. All entries must be photographs taken at Seney National Wildlife Refuge or the Whitefish Point Unit.
2. Up to five entries (total) per person may be submitted - no more than three per category with exception to the youth category. Youth may enter up to five photos in the Youth Category. A youth is considered anyone under the age of 18.
3. All photographs should be submitted in a **printed format 5" x 7", 8" x 10" or 8" x 12"** ***AND*** in an **electronic copy (please send the highest resolution possible)**. Any photos not in accordance with size restrictions are subject to cropping. Black and white or color photos are acceptable. If you are unable to submit an electronic copy of your photo Refuge staff will scan the photo for you. Note that scanned photos are not always as high quality as photos submitted electronically. Photos may not be matted nor should there be any frame or border surrounding the photo (digital or otherwise). Photos may not display the name of the photographer on the front of the photograph.
4. Mail or deliver the printed entries to: Seney National Wildlife Refuge
c/o Photo Contest
1674 Refuge Entrance Road
Seney, MI 49883
5. Electronic copies may be mailed with the printed copy or emailed to seneyvs@gmail.com, the subject line should read "Photo Contest". Entries are accepted year round.
6. On the back of each printed photo, please attach a signed permission form with your contact information - each photo needs a signed form. Photos lacking the signed permission form will be disqualified.
7. All entries must be post marked by August 31, or they will be entered in the following year's contest.
8. Photos that have been altered to combine two or more photos will be disqualified. Photos that use replication or other techniques to add details to a photo will be disqualified.
9. Anyone whose photo has been disqualified will be notified before the voting begins.
10. If a minor is pictured in a photo an "Agreement of Use of Likeness in Service Products" (USFWS form 3-2260) must accompany the entry forms can be found at (http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2260.pdf), copies can also be found at the Visitor Center or mailed to requesting individuals.
11. All entries will be retained by the Refuge and may be used for a variety of reasons including but not limited to publications, webpages and presentations.
12. While extreme care will be taken in handling all entries, the Refuge cannot be responsible for any damage to photographs.

Online Voting: Cast your vote for your favorite photos from September 10th to October 20th. See the website for information on how to cast your vote. www.fws.gov/refuge/seney/events/photo_contest.html

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