

## Judge's Bios

### Marc Epstein

Like many of the fine young men and ladies that entered this contest, Marc's interest in photography began in high school (a long time ago - but he wouldn't tell us how long that was). During college, he continued his interest in photography and began publishing his photos in newspapers and magazines. Pursuing a career in wildlife biology as an undergraduate and at the master level, he used photography as a means to show change in environmental conditions, such as landscape change, habitat change, geologic shoreline change and social community change. His study was later published in the Transactions of the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference. His photos have appeared in many journals, books and magazines over the years. Marc has served as a state wildlife management area biologist, Service fish and wildlife biologist, national wildlife refuge biologist, and presently serves as a Refuge Manager in the southeast region.

### Ryan Hagerty

Ryan is a professional photographer, and cinematographer for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Ryan travels the country creating still and moving pictures of the amazing work that is done by the FWS. He has been privileged to do this incredible work for 16 years. His images and videography can be seen regularly in FWS publications and on the Service's national webpages.

### Ted Martin

Ted is a threatened and endangered species biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He received his Bachelor's degree from University of West Florida in Marine Biology and a Master's degree from Samford University in Environmental Management. After six years in the Navy he began his career in the private sector. He returned to the federal government where he has been working for the FWS for the past six years. Ted Martin is an avid amateur wildlife photographer and artist best known for his wading and shorebird photographs. Ted is most comfortable and relaxed while shooting photographs in the wild. Ted is a strong advocate for all wildlife and he is always in search of that perfect image that reveals the inner-soul of the species he is photographing.

### Larry Richardson

Larry is a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the Florida Panther and Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuges in Naples, Florida. Larry was raised in California, with a short stint in American Samoa. He received a Bachelors degree from Utah State University and Masters degree

from Mississippi State Universities in Wildlife Management and Ecology. Outside of his career as a wildlife biologist Larry is an accomplished nature writer, photographer and television personality. He has appeared in over 50 television programs including ABC Nightly News, CBS This Morning, National Geographic Explorer; and on networks such as Animal Planet, Nickelodeon, TBS, and Japanese television stations. Larry hosted the PBS WGCU-TV series, Florida Landscape; a program on native plant gardening. Larry writes for magazines and peer-reviewed journals and has co-authored the book, Florida's Unsung Wilderness - The Swamp, with photographer/writer Connie Bransilver. Larry has been a nature photographer since 1981. Over the years his images have appeared in publications worldwide; including National Wildlife magazine with an article about saving Florida's rare orchids and in Gulfshore Life magazine on panthers. He is a founding member of the North American Nature Photography Association (NANPA), served on its Board of Directors from 1996 to 2001 and as president in 1999. In 2005 Larry was elected as President of Naples Zoo, Inc., a non-profit AZA accredited zoo.