

Seney National Wildlife Refuge

2013 Amateur 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 2013: Black and White / Special Assignment 2014: Camouflage**
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 15th. 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, t-shirts, posters) will be awarded. See page two for rules and regulations.

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

The 2012 1st Place Winners

Plants

Barbara Hysell



Wildlife

Amy Widenhofer



Special Assignment Macro

Conrad Warren



Youth

Sigurd Utych



Public Use/Recreation

Keri Boothe



Landscape

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 their age bracket.
3. Photographers must be non-professional; this is an amateur contest. For the purposes of this photography contest, a professional photographer is considered to be a photographer who has clients, depends on photography for their income, markets their services and/or writes off their expenses as a business owner.
4. All photographs should be submitted as an **electronic copy (please send the highest resolution possible) AND in a printed format 5"x7", 8"x10" or 8"x12"**. 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.
5. Mail or deliver the printed entries to:
Seney National Wildlife Refuge
c/o Photo Contest
1674 Refuge Entrance Road
Seney, MI 49883
6. 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.
7. On the back of the printed photo, please attach a signed permission form with your contact information. Photos lacking the signed permission form will be disqualified.
8. All entries must be received by August 31, or they will be entered in the following year's contest.
9. Digitally altered photos - other than slight color correction (i.e. brightness or contrast) or a shift to black and white - will be disqualified.
10. Anyone whose photo has been disqualified will be notified before the voting begins.
11. 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.
12. All entries will be retained by the Refuge and may be used for a variety of reasons including non-profit publications, webpages and presentations.
13. 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 15th. See the website for information on how to cast your vote.

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Title of Photo: _____

Your Name: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Circle Category Entered: **Wildlife; Public Use/Recreation; Landscape; Plants; Special Assignment; or Youth**

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I agree to the above full copyright release - Signature: _____ Date: _____

If a minor (17 & under) has taken the photo a parent or guardian of the minor must give their permission by signing above.