



2017- 2018 Nature and Wildlife Photography Contest

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge

Contest Guidelines



The 2017-2018 Parker River National Wildlife Refuge Nature and Wildlife Photography Contest is co-sponsored by the refuge and the Photographic Society of Parker River NWR. The following guidelines provide all of the information needed to successfully enter the contest:

1. Three categories:
 - a. **Plum Island Nature & Wildlife**
 - i. Images must have been taken within the boundary of Parker River National Wildlife Refuge OR within the boundary of Sandy Point State Reservation (on the southern tip of Plum Island). Images focusing on landscapes, wildlife, plants, and natural features will all be commingled within this category.
 - b. **New England Nature and Wildlife**
 - i. Images must have been taken somewhere in New England – whether at some other national wildlife refuge, state park, vacant lot down the street, or even in your own back yard! Images focusing on landscapes, wildlife, plants, and natural features will all be commingled within this category.
 - c. **Connecting People with Nature**
 - i. Images that convey an essence of human connectedness to the natural world or wildlife. Images limited to those taken within New England.
2. Two competitive classes:
 - a. Adult
 - b. Youth - anyone under the age of 18 before the submission deadline of February 14th, 2018
3. Qualifying images will be accepted irrespective of the type of camera that produced them (e.g., DSLR, mirrorless, point and shoot, smartphone).
4. Only matted prints will be accepted (no electronic files), per the following criteria:
 - a. Maximum print size is 8" x 10" (portrait or landscape orientation).
 - b. Each print must have a white matte.
 - c. Matted prints should NOT be wrapped in plastic.
5. An individual may submit up to two prints.
6. There is a \$5.00 contest registration fee. The application fee covers one or both submissions. **Cash only.**
7. No more than 20% of the photograph's frame should be comprised of something that is "non-nature" (e.g., people, domestic animals (e.g., dogs, cats, horses, etc.), and manmade infrastructure). **Note: This stipulation does NOT apply to the Connecting People with Nature category.**
8. Entries will be accepted through close of business on Wednesday, February 14th, 2018. Prints can be dropped off at the refuge visitor center seven days per week, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The visitor center is located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA.
9. A panel of judges will carefully review all submitted artwork and determine the contest winners during the refuge's annual **Conservation Film Festival** (March 2nd – 4th, 2018). The judging panel will be comprised of refuge staff and experienced nature and wildlife photographers.
10. Contest winners will be announced during a public presentation on Sunday afternoon, March 4th at the refuge visitor center in Newburyport, MA. **Prizes will be provided to the top place finishers!**
11. Winning entries will be prominently displayed at the refuge visitor center for a full year.
12. **Contest submissions must have the following information printed or typed neatly on the BACK SIDE of the print:** (Note: Any entries with the photographer's name on the front of the print or matte will be withdrawn from competition.)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Title of Image:• Category: (e.g., Plum Island Nature & Wildlife)• Age Class: (Adult or Youth) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specific location where photograph was taken (e.g., Sand Beach, Acadia National Park, Maine)• Name of Photographer• Email Address• Telephone number |
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