



Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge 2016 Amateur Photo Contest



Capture the essence of Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge! Share your images with others by entering our 9th Annual Amateur Photo Contest. **Only 1** entry per category may be submitted. **Closing date Sat. August 27, 2016!**

Entries can be submitted in the following 8 categories: *(All photos should be taken on or be of the Refuge.)*

1. **Bird Life** - Photographs which feature a bird or birds on the Refuge.
2. **Other Wildlife** - Photographs of species other than birds: including: mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects, etc.
3. **Animal Behavior** - Photographs should have action: Birds, mammals or other wildlife interacting with each other, nesting, feeding, preening, defending territory, etc. Category demands movement and/or action!
4. **Landscape/Habitat** - Scenic vistas, beautiful landscapes and lush habitat of the Refuge
5. **Sunrise/Sunset**– Colorful shots of the sunrise or sunset over the Refuge wetlands.
6. **Creative Nature** - Get creative! Enhance your images using computer software or creative angles, camera setting, filters, etc. **NOTE:** This is the **ONLY** category where you may manipulate or modify your original image.
7. **Recreation/Education** - Show people enjoying the Refuge; bird watching, hunting, taking pictures, fishing or participating in one of our educational programs or activities.
8. **Special Category - “White Birds”** -For 2016 only! Show us those “white” birds!

Contest Rules and Requirements

1. All entries must be photographed at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge during Jan. 1 2015 - Aug. 27, 2016. No previous entries may be entered. Photos should be 5” x 7” and may be black and white or color. Images should be printed on glossy photo paper. **They cannot be matted or framed, nor should they have white borders.**
2. A high resolution digital copy of your entry **must** also be submitted with your image. You may send this on a disk or email it to: bearriver@fws.gov Images from a photographer or family may be combined onto one disk.
3. Cropping is allowed but any color modifications or adding elements not existing in the original image will NOT be accepted. **EXCEPTION:** The “Creative Nature” category. See #6 above.
4. Complete the entry form found on the back of this paper and affix to the back side of your image. You may also write necessary information on back of your image. For each photo the following information must be included on the back of the photo: Photographer’s name, address, phone number, email, category entered, name of the photo and date the image was taken. Mail all entries to: Bear River Refuge Photo Contest, 2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City, UT 84302. Entries may also be drop off at the Wildlife Education Center, located one block west of Interstate 15 at exit #363 (Forest Street) in Brigham City, Utah. The center is open 8:00am-5:00pm Tuesday-Friday; 10:00am-4:00pm Saturdays. The center is closed Sundays, Mondays and all federal holidays.
5. **All entries must be received by August 27, 2016.**
6. *All submitted prints will become the property of Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. The photographer grants unlimited use of submitted photographs by the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge and Friends of the Bear River Refuge for publications, displays, web pages, presentations and other promotional products. Credit will be given to the photographer. The photographer retains the copyright to their photos. Photos **WILL** be displayed at the Wildlife Education Center and winning photos on the website.
7. **Photographers must be non-professional; this is an amateur contest. *For the purposes of this 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.*
8. Winners will be announced at a special awards ceremony sometime in October, usually during National Wildlife Refuge Week.
9. Bear River Refuge staff and Friends of the Refuge Board Members are not eligible to enter.
10. Decisions made by Refuge staff coordinating the contest, along with the panel of judges, are final. The judging panel is made up of Refuge staff and local photographers and artists.
11. Youth photographers are encouraged to participate. If you are a youth photographer, please let us know on your entry.



Recognition will be given to the winner in each of the 8 categories:



One overall **Best of Show** will be chosen and have their photo displayed on the Refuge website and the local newspaper, and First, Second and Third prize in each category will also be recognized and have their photos displayed at the Refuge. Also, we will award a Fan Favorite! Refuge visitors can vote on their favorite photo during the month of September. The photo with the most votes earns the title of Fan Favorite.

For more information, contact the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, 2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City, UT 84302, 435.723.5887, or email: bearriver@fws.gov. This flyer can also be found on the Refuge's website at: http://www.fws.gov/refuge/bear_river_migratory_bird_refuge/ and on <http://www.fobrr.org/>

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**Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Amateur Photo Contest Entry Form - 2016**

Photographer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ ZIP _____

Email: _____

Are you a youth photographer? (circle) Yes No

Category entered: (circle one) Bird Life Other Wildlife Creative Nature Sunset

Animal Behavior Landscape Recreation/Education "White Birds"

Name of the Photo: _____

Date taken: _____

All information on this form MUST be provided