

11th ANNUAL 2016

MINGO SWAMP FLORA & FAUNA PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

You're invited to participate in Mingo Swamp Friend's Mingo Swamp Flora & Fauna Photo Contest. The purpose of this contest is *"To promote public awareness of the beauty, value, and uniqueness of Mingo National Wildlife Refuge."*

Photos may depict the following categories in three Divisions (**Youth - 17 years & under** as of August 5, 2016; **Adults - 18 + yrs.**; and **Professional** - anyone of any age who earns more than ½ of their income from photography).

The Categories are:

<u>Youth</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Professional</u>
Youth**	Mingo Landscape * Native Wildlife Native Plant/Fungi People in Nature * Artistically Enhanced	Professional **

* Denotes that these categories must be taken on Mingo NWR (Mingo Landscape & People in Nature).

** Professional and Youth photographs will be judged as one category.

CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Photographs entered in the Native Wildlife and Native Plants categories must contain flora or fauna that is indigenous to Mingo NWR regardless of where the photo was taken. Photographs of captive wildlife will not be accepted.
2. Photographs entered in the People in Nature category should portray activities such as fishing, hunting, hiking, photography, or wildlife observation.
3. Photographs altered with computer graphics, digital enhancement, etc. must be entered in the Artistically Enhanced category and represent a theme from the above listed category.
4. Photographers are responsible for submitting a completed signed entry form that identifies the division, category, and other information or the photograph will be disqualified.

HOW TO ENTER

- Photographs may be original or duplicated copies, black and white or color, of variable shape or size, but must fit in a 10"x14" dimension. No slides will be accepted. Attach the completed signed entry form to the back of the photograph. Indicate the top of the photo by writing "top" on the back side of the photo. Photographs will not be accepted for judging that have been matted or framed or have writing on the front of the photograph.
- All entries must be accompanied by a completed U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service "Copyright Release Agreement" (FWS Form 3-2259) which can be found at (<http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2259.pdf>); or on the Mingo Swamp Friends website at (<http://www.mingoswampfriends.org/>), or copies can be found at the Mingo Visitor Center.
- This year the photo contest is free to enter. There is no limit to the number of photographs that may be entered. If you wish to have your photographs returned to you, place a self-addressed stamped (SASE) envelope with the entries submitted.
- Hand delivered entries will be accepted during normal Visitor Center hours: Monday – Saturday (8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), except for Federal holidays. Mingo NWR Visitor Center phone number is: 573-222-3589

Mail entries to: Mingo NWR
c/o Photo Contest
24279 State Highway 51
Puxico, MO 63960

****ENTRY DEADLINE****
Entries must arrive at the office by 4:00 p.m. on
Friday, August 5, 2016

