

Seney National Wildlife Refuge

2016 Photo Contest

You're invited to participate in Seney National Wildlife Refuge's 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 2016: From the Forest Floor, 2017: Dew Drops**
- 6. Youth (18 and under)**

The photos will be displayed at the Visitor Center in September and October and on Seney's Facebook page. 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 20th. To vote online by following instructions on www.fws.gov/refuge/seney/events/vote.html. Certificates, ribbons and prizes (e.g. books, cards, posters, or another item from the bookstore) will be awarded. See page two for rules and regulations.

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

The 2014 1st Place Winners

Plants

Carol Fleming



Youth

Nicholas Eddy



Wildlife

Penny Gordon



Recreation

Jan Barrett



Landscape

Penny Gordon



Special Assignment Camouflage

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 the Youth Category. A youth is considered anyone under the age of 18.
3. All photographs should be submitted in a **printed format 5" x 7", 8" x 10" or 8" x 12" AND in an electronic copy (please send the highest resolution possible)**. 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.
4. Mail or deliver the printed entries to:
Seney National Wildlife Refuge
c/o Photo Contest
1674 Refuge Entrance Road
Seney, MI 49883
5. 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.
6. On the back of each printed photo, please attach a signed permission form with your contact information - each photo needs a signed form. Photos lacking the signed permission form will be disqualified.
7. All entries must be post marked by August 31, or they will be entered in the following year's contest.
8. Photos that have been altered to combine two or more photos will be disqualified. Photos that use replication or other techniques to add details to a photo will be disqualified.
9. Anyone whose photo has been disqualified will be notified before the voting begins.
10. 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.
11. All entries will be retained by the Refuge and may be used for a variety of reasons including but not limited to publications, webpages and presentations.
12. 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 20th. See the website for information on how to cast your vote. www.fws.gov/refuge/seney/events/vote.html

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Title of Photo: _____

Print Name: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

I, the provider, hereby state in good faith that the photograph described herein was created by me alone in my private capacity and that the photograph automatically qualifies for a United States copyright. I hereby grant the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Seney National Wildlife Refuge, and the Seney Natural History Association (SNHA) permission to freely publish, reproduce, and distribute the photograph in any media, without my approval or permission, with no monetary compensation to me or my heirs or assigns, and without temporal or geographic restriction. However, if the USFWS, Seney National Wildlife Refuge or SNHA uses the photograph, it agrees to credit me as the photographer if possible. This includes reproducing the photograph for sale in the Marshland Bookstore - a non-profit bookstore who's sales go to help fund programs on the Refuge. If you would like to grant restricted usage rights to your photo you may fill out FWS Form 3-2259 available on the internet (<http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2259.pdf>). Please attach a copy of the form, as well as the information listed above, to back of each hard copy photo you submit.

I agree to the above 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. 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.