

PRAIRIE WOODS AUDUBON PHOTO CONTEST 2010

Illinois has excellent birding, a beautiful landscape and abundant wildlife. Prairie Woods Audubon wishes to foster our curiosity and care for the wonderful flora and fauna in Illinois. We know how important it is to preserve wildlife and habitat. So, we encourage all of you to show us via your photographs, the wild beauty of our state.

PRIZES

The winner of each of 3 categories will receive a \$30 certificate from Wild Birds Unlimited (<http://www.wbu.com/>) and a Prairie Woods Audubon Gift Pack. Various prizes will be given for runner-ups such as monoculars, calendars, socks and books!

DEADLINE

Entries must be postmarked by midnight, Jan. 7, 2010!

Winners will be announced at the PWA Open House PIZZA PARTY on Feb. 18, 2010 at Spring Valley Nature Center in Schaumburg, IL.

RULES

1. The contest is open to all. No age limit. No Audubon affiliation is necessary. **A love of nature is mandatory!**
2. Matting, mounting board, and framing is allowed but not necessary.
3. CDs are allowed using JPEG or GIF formats.
4. Any obvious "photo-shopping" will be grounds for disqualification.
5. There are three categories (see below). Up to 5 photographs can be submitted. All five may be in a single category or you may spread them among the three categories.
6. All photos must be submitted with the completed entry form and appropriate entry fees.
7. **Fees: \$2.00 per photo.**

CATEGORIES

1. Animals. Wild animals free in nature such as birds, reptiles, mammals and so on. No human structures.
2. Fauna, Sky, Landscapes, Water, Geology... Prairie, sunsets, stars, rocks, mushrooms, forests and so on. No human structures in photograph.
3. People in Nature. People communing with nature in some way: fishing, birding, gardening, collecting prairie seeds, yoga in the forest, etc. Be creative!

JUDGING

Judging will be based on Composition, Creativity, Originality, Impact, and Technique by a panel of judges with expertise in photography and nature.

READ!

- One winner per category. Runner-ups will have prizes too! Prizes for all!
- All entries will be displayed at the Feb Pizza Party at Spring Valley Nature Ctr. Winners will be announced at that time and need not be present. **The winning, photographs will become the property of Prairie Woods Audubon**, and might be shown at public educational venues.
- Louis Vassmer & PWA preside over the contest. Questions? Email us at: prairiewoodsaudubon@yahoo.com
- PWA will not be responsible for damage or loss.
- If you want your photos returned, provide a self- addressed envelope with proper postage.

PRAIRIE WOODS AUDUBON PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Photographer's name _____

Address (with zip) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Do not write your name, but do include the following on the back of each photo or CD label:

*Photo number, that is, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. (No more than five photos total)

*Photo category: A, B, or C. A = Animals, B = Fauna, Landscapes, Sea and so on
C = People in Nature

*Title and where in IL was it taken.

Photo Category (circle)	Title	General Location
1 A B C	_____	_____
2 A B C	_____	_____
3 A B C	_____	_____
4 A B C	_____	_____
5 A B C	_____	_____

TOTAL FEES(\$2.00 per photo) _____

__Sign and date: _____

Send your photos and completed form with total entry fees to:
Prairie Woods Audubon, PO BOX 1065, Arlington Heights, IL 60006.

Thank you for entering! Good luck!