

2009 Wyoming Wildlife Photo Contest

ELIGIBILITY: The contest is open to any photographer except photographers who have been paid to have their work printed in *Wyoming Wildlife*, employees of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, members of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, or their immediate families. Photos must have been taken in Wyoming.

CATEGORIES: Entrants should categorize all their photos; however, judges may recategorize any entry they feel would better fit another category. The categories are:

Wildlife (any wild mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish, insect, etc.);

Scenic-pictorial (any photo in which landmarks, scenery, or inanimate objects are the main theme);

Recreational activities (people enjoying the outdoors, images of outdoor people in action);

Flora (wildflowers, foliage, fruiting bodies, or other parts of plants)
COLOR DIVISION ONLY.

DIVISIONS: Each category in this year's contest will have two divisions: color and black-and-white, except for flora, which will have a color division only.

PRINTS: Prints, whether color or black-and-white, should be 8x10-inch format. Please do not submit prints in frames or mattes. Digital images must be submitted in print form in 8x10-inch format. We ask that manipulation of digital images be limited to the kinds of manipulation that can be done with traditional printing techniques. Images in which content has been altered (elements eliminated, added, rearranged, etc.) will not be accepted.

TRANSPARENCIES: The preferred transparency (slide) size and the smallest one acceptable is 35 millimeter. Color entries may be in the form of transparencies or prints.

PROCEDURE: Contestants must include a self-addressed mailer with sufficient postage for return of entries by U.S. mail only. Entries must contain only photo contest material; no subscription orders, checks, correspondence, or the like should be included. No more than ten (10) images will be accepted from any one contestant. *Wyoming Wildlife* and its agents will not be responsible for damage or loss of entries. **A SINGLE, legible 8-1/2-by-11-inch data sheet must accompany each contestant's entry—the contestant should list all the images entered on a single data sheet.** We suggest you use the entry sheet on our Web site. The data sheet must contain the following information for the entered photos:

Name of photographer

Mailing address (good from 10/15/2009 through 5/15/2010)

Telephone number, including area code (good from 10/15/2009 through 5/15/2010)

Category (see discussion above)

Where and when taken

Camera model

Film type (if applicable)

Ship transparencies in plastic archival sheets that can hold multiple slides, but, please, **DO NOT use the small plastic sleeves intended to protect individual 35mm slides.**

IDENTIFICATION: The owner's full name and address must appear on the back of each print or on each transparency mount. Type or print your name and address clearly.

RETURN OF ENTRIES: Entries will be returned beginning May 15, 2010, except in the case of winning entries and entries the judges deem suitable for publication in the April 2010 issue of *Wyoming Wildlife*. If one of your images wins a prize or qualifies for publication in the April issue, we will keep all the images you submitted until our printer returns the selected photos. After publication, all of your photos will be returned together. **If you cannot spare your photos until approximately May 15, 2010, it is better not to enter the contest.** Material will be returned by U.S. mail only.

PRIZES: A grand prize of \$300 will be awarded for the best overall photo. First-place winners in each category will each receive \$150. Second-place winners in each category will each receive \$100. Third-place winners in each category will each receive \$50. The judges reserve the right to decide whether a category contains work that merits awards—three prizes may not be awarded in all categories. All winners will receive five complimentary copies of the February 2010 issue of *Wyoming Wildlife* in which the winning photos will be published. All persons whose photos appear in the April 2010 issue of *Wyoming Wildlife* will receive five complimentary copies of that issue.

DEADLINE: **The deadline for entering the contest is November 16, 2009, at 5:00 P.M.** Entries received after this time will be automatically disqualified and returned to the entrant immediately. Send all entries to: Photo Contest, *Wyoming Wildlife*, 5400 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82006-0001.

Wyoming Wildlife Photo Contest Entry Form

Photographer _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Telephone _____
 Email _____

Photographers entering the competition don't have to use this form, but it will simplify our handling of your images and generally make the magazine staff's life easier. **Remember— each photographer is limited to a total of 10 photos and must include a postage-paid return mailer. Entries must be received at WGFD headquarters by November 16, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.**

	Category	Subject/location	Date taken	Camera	Film type/speed/digital
EXAMPLE	wildlife	elk/Yellowstone	9/25/97	Nikon D300	Fujichrome 50
1. Image A					
2. Image B					
3. Image C					
4. Image D					
5. Image E					
6. Image F					
7. Image G					
8. Image H					
9. Image I					
10. Image J					

Please check this box if we DO NOT need to return your images.

checklist for entries:

- Have you enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope with adequate postage?
- Have you included a data sheet giving category, subject/location, date taken, camera, and film type/speed or digital information? (Note: A single sheet should be enough to give information for all your entries.)
- Please DO NOT enclose images in shrink wrap, plastic wrap, file folders, or presentation folders, or the plastic sleeves intended to protect individual 35 mm. slides.
- Each contestant should mail his submission separately. Please DO NOT mail submissions from two or more contestants in a single package.