



## ORTWS/OSAF PHOTO CONTEST

### February 5-7, 2025

### Salem, OR

We are excited to continue the photography contest tradition as part of the joint meeting between the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society and the Oregon Society for American Foresters. Join us in celebrating the beauty of our natural world and the important work we do by submitting your photos!

#### CATEGORIES

- Mammals
- Birds
- Reptiles & Amphibians
- Other Wildlife (e.g., fishes, invertebrates)
- Plants & Fungi
- Landscape & Habitats

#### RULES

- 1) Contestants may submit one (1) photo per category.
- 2) Only submit photos not used in prior ORTWS/OSAF photo contests.
- 3) Photos may be no smaller than 5x7 inches in size and no larger than 11x14 inches.
- 4) Photos must be attached to a foam core board or other solid backing material. No framed or matted photos will be accepted.
- 5) Your name, email address, phone number, and category should be on the back side of the submitted photo with no watermarks or identification on the front.
- 6) Beyond cropping, please keep changes to the original photo to a minimum.
- 7) All images must be made in unrestricted nature. Images of pets, captive animals, and cultivated plants are not permitted. AI-generated images are not eligible.
- 8) **Voting for the contest will commence at 5 PM on Wednesday, February 5, 2025. Please ensure that all photo submissions are received by 4 PM on that day.**

## JUDGING

- 1) ORTWS/OSAF members will select, by ballot, the top photo in each category. Winners will be announced at the conference banquet.
- 2) ORTWS/OSAF members will select, by ballot, the “People’s Choice Award” (the photo that is considered the best out of all the categories).
- 3) Each winning photographer will receive a prize in the form of a gift card.

## OPTIONAL

ORTWS/OSAF would like to display your photos in a slideshow on the main screen throughout the meeting. If you would like your photo(s) included in this slideshow, **please submit photos to [emily@ortws.org](mailto:emily@ortws.org) no later than Wednesday, February 5, 2025.**

Digital photo submissions should not have any identifiable information and should follow this name convention *category\_lastname\_firstname\_date.jpeg/png/tiff*. Example *mammals\_doe\_jane\_20241231.jpeg*.

**Digital submissions are supplementary, not replacements,  
to the hard copy versions of the photos for the contest.**

## ETHICS

We encourage all contestants to review the following ethical guidelines:

- International League of Conservation Photographers: [Ethics](#)
- North American Nature Photography Association: [Ethics - NANPA](#)
- Audubon Society: [Audubon’s Guide to Ethical Bird Photography and Videography](#)
- Conservation Visual Storytellers Academy: [Ethics in Nature and Conservation Photography: What You Need to Know](#)

By familiarizing yourself with these resources, you will not only enhance the integrity of your work but also contribute positively to the conservation message we aim to promote. Thank you for your commitment to ethical photography!

Questions regarding the 2025 photo contest? Contact [emily@ortws.org](mailto:emily@ortws.org).