



## ORTWS/NW PARC/SNVB PHOTO AND ART CONTESTS

### February 23-25, 2026

### Seaside, OR

We are excited to continue the photography contest tradition as part of the joint conference between the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society, Northwest Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation and the Society for Northwestern Vertebrate Biology. See this year's new addition of the separate art contest rules in red beginning on page 2. Join us in celebrating the beauty of our natural world and the important work we do by submitting your photos and artwork!

**All entries must be submitted no later than 1:00 pm on Monday, February 23rd, 2026. Please submit entries at the registration table in NE Entrance/Front Lobby.**

If you want to donate your piece to the silent auction/raffle, it must be framed or printed on metal or canvas, no smaller than 8x10 and no larger than 11x14 (framed). Please note the donation value on the back of your piece.

Contact Emily Weidner ([emily@ortws.org](mailto:emily@ortws.org)) and/or Mikayla Bivona ([Mikayla@ortws.org](mailto:Mikayla@ortws.org)) with any questions.

### PHOTO CONTEST

#### CATEGORIES

- Mammals
- Birds
- Reptiles
- Amphibians
- Fishes
- Invertebrates
- Plants & Fungi
- Landscape & Habitats

#### PHOTO CONTEST RULES

- 1) Contestants may submit one (1) photo per category.
- 2) Only submit photos not used in prior ORTWS/NW PARC/SNVB 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.
- 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. If you wish to donate to the silent auction or raffle, please write this on the back of the piece with the value.
- 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.



## NEW THIS YEAR: ART CONTEST

We are introducing an art contest for creative works inspired by wildlife and their habitats. Participants may submit pieces in any medium, including but not limited to drawing, painting, sculpture or mixed media.

Since this is the first year of the art contest, we've decided not to create categories at this time. If we receive a large number of submissions and are able to group them appropriately, we may organize them into categories on Monday after 1 PM.

### ART CONTEST RULES

1. Open to all conference attendees.
2. Each participant may submit up to 2 pieces.
3. Artwork must be original and created by the entrant. AI-generated images are not eligible. Reproductions of original artwork are acceptable (e.g., prints, castings).
4. 2D artwork must be attached to a foam core board, on canvas, or other solid backing material to support the piece. 3D artwork must be able to stand on its own.
5. Maximum sizes (including framing or mounting):
  - a. 2D - Under 200 square inches
  - b. 3D - under 12x12x12 inches
6. Your name, email address, phone number, and medium should be on the back side of the submitted work with no watermarks or identification on the front. If you wish to donate to the silent auction or raffle, please write this on the back of the piece with the value.
7. Entries will be judged on creativity, skill, composition, and connection to natural themes.

### JUDGING

- 1) ORTWS/NW PARC/SNVB members will select, by ballot, the top photo/piece in each category. Winners will be announced at the joint conference banquet.
- 2) ORTWS/NW PARC/SNVB 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 or artist will receive a prize in the form of a gift card.

### OPTIONAL

ORTWS/NW PARC/SNVB would like to display your photos and artwork in a slideshow on the main screen throughout the conference. If you would like your photo(s)/art included in this slideshow, **please submit photos to Mikayla@ortws.org no later than Wednesday, February 18th, 2026.**

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 familiarising yourself with these resources, you'll 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!

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