



Calling All Photographers!

HAVE YOU TAKEN A BEAUTIFUL PHOTO OF A COYOTE IN YOUR BACK YARD? A magnificent eagle on the wing? A colorful spider wrapping up its dinner? The first bloom of a gorgeous wild orchid? Have you captured the perfect sunrise from a Cape Cod beach – or the perfect sunset from a Berkshire mountain? How about the glowing smile of a child with a first fish – or Mom paddling a kayak for the first time? We want to see what you've got!

For the first time ever, *Massachusetts Wildlife* will devote an issue to a public photography competition, the 2010 Massachusetts Wildlife Photo Contest. Other than bragging rights, prizes are modest: a free, 2- year subscription to the magazine for the first-place winners in each category; and an award citation and four (4) copies of the #4, 2010 issue of *Massachusetts Wildlife* (in which the winning photos will be published) for all first-, second-, and third-place winners.

The rules of the contest are simple:

1. Anyone **except** professional photographers, employees of the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, contest judges, and their immediate families (parents, siblings, spouses, children), is eligible to submit up to ten (10) photos, **TOTAL**, divided among

as many categories as they wish to enter. No more than 10 photos will be accepted from any one contestant.

2. All photos **MUST** have been taken in Massachusetts and all wildlife **MUST** have been photographed in the wild (no zoo animals, although invertebrates, fish, herps and small mammals may be photographed under controlled conditions (aquarium/ terrarium) **IF** it is legal to do so).

3. There are eight entry categories:

FLORA (any native/naturalized wild plant(s) or its leaves, fruits, flowers; no domestic garden species);

SCENIC (landmarks, scenery, etc.);

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES (people interacting with the outdoors/wildlife; outdoor people in action; wildlife-related recreation);

INVERTEBRATES (insects, spiders, mollusks, etc.);

FISH (any wild species, marine or freshwater);

HERPS (reptiles and amphibians);

BIRDS (no domestic species);

MAMMALS (no domestic species).

4. All photos must be submitted as prints in an 8x10-inch format. (We suggest you avoid using textured prints, which may result in loss of image detail; use glossy- or matte-surface prints.) Please do not submit photos in frames or mats, or on backboards.

5. The photographer's full name and address must appear on the back of each print submitted in a space that can be covered by a 3x5-inch card. (We suggest you use stick-on address labels rather than write directly on the back of the prints.)

6. Each entry (up to 10 photos total) must be accompanied by a SINGLE 8 1/2 x 11-inch data sheet containing the following information:

Name of Photographer;

Mailing address;

e-mail address (if applicable);

Telephone Number (including area code);

Category in which you would like each photo to be judged (Note, however, that judges reserve the right to re-categorize any entry they feel would better fit another category);

Where and When each photo was taken;

Camera model and lens used; If available, please include image specs, (ISO, shutter speed, aperture, and film type [if applicable]). Please note that a blank data sheet can be conveniently downloaded from the agency website: www.mass.gov/masswildlife. Just click on **Wildlife Photo Contest** to find it.

7. If you would like to have your entry returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped mailer with sufficient postage to return it. Otherwise your entry will be discarded following the contest.

8. By entering a photo, you grant the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife permission to reproduce it (with full credit) in *Massachusetts Wildlife* magazine, and to place it (with full credit) on the agency website.

9. It is permissible to adjust the brightness/contrast/density of images, but images in which content has been altered (elements eliminated, added, rearranged, etc.) will NOT be accepted. All decisions of the judges are final.

10. The Division of Fisheries & Wildlife reserves the right to decide whether a category contains work that merits awards. Three prizes (first, second, and third) may not be awarded in all categories.

11. All entries must be **received** at DFW Field Headquarters in Westborough no later than September 1, 2010, at 4:30 PM. All entries received after this time will not be considered.

12. Send all entries to:

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**Mass. Div. Fisheries & Wildlife
Field Headquarters
One Rabbit Hill Road,
Westborough, MA 01581**

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