

Seney National Wildlife Refuge 2023 Photo Contest

You're invited to participate in Seney National Wildlife Refuge's Photo Contest. The sole purpose of the contest is to encourage you to visit and enjoy the refuge. Up to five entries per person may be submitted - no more than three per category with exception of the youth category. Photos may depict any of the following categories:

- **Wildlife (Birds, Mammals, Reptiles & Amphibians, Spiders, Insects, etc.)**
- **Public Use/Recreation**
- **Landscape**
- **Plants/Plant-like Organisms (Wildflowers, Lichens, Liverworts, Fungi, etc.)**
- **Special Assignments (changes annually): Bugs**
- **Youth (17 and under)**

This year the photo contest will be different. Limited space at the temporary visitor center has provided an opportunity to partner with the Erickson Center for the Arts in Curtis, Michigan, to display the photos entered into the contest. The photos will be displayed at the Erickson Center during the **906 Art Festival** on August 5, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voting will end at 5 p.m. and winners will be announced at 6 p.m. Prizes will be awarded in people's choice and a juried contest at the festival. All photos entered will also be showcased at **Loonapalooza**, an event put on by the Friends of Seney National Wildlife Refuge on August 11, 2023. The event is open to the public from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Erickson Center. Credit will be given to each of the contestants once the voting has been completed. Certificates will be awarded. Rules and regulations are on the back.

The 2020 1st Place Winners

Youth

Painted Turtle - Christian Koszka-Lombardo



Wildlife

Gray Wolf - Charlie Rumschlag



Recreation

Peace and Quiet: Bench on Trail - Penny Gordon



Plants

Blue Flag Iris - Dave Alsobrooks



Special Assignment Fascinating Fungi

Puffball - Laura Gasaway



Landscape

Fall Morning - Laura Gasaway

Contest Rules and Regulations

- All entries must be photographs taken at Huron, Harbor Island, or Seney National Wildlife Refuges, the Whitefish Point Unit, or the Kirtland's Warbler Wildlife Management Area.
- Up to five entries per person may be submitted - no more than three per category with the exception of the youth category. Youth may enter up to five photos. A youth is a person under the age of 18.
- All photographs must be submitted in printed 8" x 10" format. We often use photos in brochures and other publications and would appreciate an electronic copy if you agree to allow us to use your photo for other purposes. I am sorry, but we will not have online voting this year because we do not have the staff capacity. Any photos not in accordance with size restrictions are subject to cropping.
- Black and white or color photos are acceptable. Photos may not be matted, nor should there be any frame or border surrounding the photo. Photos may not display the name of the photographer on the front of the photograph.
- Photos that have been altered to combine two or more photos will be disqualified. Photos that use replication or other techniques to add details to a photo will be disqualified.
- Anyone whose photo has been disqualified will be notified before the voting begins.
- Mail or deliver the printed entries to either the by **August 1:**

Seney National Wildlife Refuge	Erickson Center for the Art
ATTN: Photo Contest	ATTN: Photo Contest
1674 Refuge Entrance Road	P.O. Box 255 (Street Address - Saw-Wa-Quato St)
Seney, MI 49883	Curtis, MI 49820
- Please email electronic copies to seney@fws.gov, the subject line should read "Photo Contest Entry."
- Entries are accepted year-round.
- On the back of each printed photo please attach a signed permission form with your contact information.
- All entries must be **received by August 1**, or they will be entered in the following year's contest.
- If a minor is pictured in a photo, an "Agreement for Use of Likeness in Audio/Visual Products" (Form 3-2260) must accompany the entry. Forms can be found at (<http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2260.pdf>). Copies can also be found at the Visitor Center or mailed to requesting individuals.
- All entries will be retained by the refuge and may be used for a variety of reasons including but not limited to publications, webpages and presentations.
- While extreme care will be taken in handling all entries, the refuge cannot be responsible for any damage to photographs.

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Title of Photo: _____

Photographer's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Circle Category Entered: **Birds; Wildlife; Recreation; Landscape; Plants; Special Assignment; or Youth.**

I, the provider, hereby state in good faith that the photograph described herein was created by me alone in my private capacity and that the photograph automatically qualifies for a United States copyright. I hereby grant the Department of Interior, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Seney National Wildlife Refuge, and the Friends of Seney National Wildlife Refuge permission to freely publish, reproduce, and distribute the photograph in any media, without my approval or permission, with no monetary compensation to me or my heirs or assigns, and without temporal or geographic restriction. However, if the Department of Interior, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Seney National Wildlife Refuge or Friends of Seney National Wildlife Refuge uses the photograph, it agrees to credit me as the photographer if possible. This includes reproducing the photograph for sale in the Marshland Nature Store - a non-profit bookstore whose sales go to help fund programs on the refuge. If you would like to grant restricted usage rights to your photo, you may fill out a "Copyright Release Agreement" (Form 3-2259) available on the internet (<http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2259.pdf>). Please attach a copy of the form as well as the information listed above to the back of each hard copy photo you submit.

I agree to the above copyright release - Signature: _____ Date: _____

If a minor (17 & under) has taken the photo, a parent or guardian of the minor must give their permission by signing above. If a minor is pictured in a photo, an "Agreement for Use of Likeness in Audio/Visual Products" (Form 3-2260) must accompany the entry forms can be found at (<http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2260.pdf>).