

2021 North Central Washington Audubon Society
PHOTO CONTEST



Karen Eadie, 2020 Best of Show

The North Central Washington Audubon Society is pleased to offer our 2021 bird photography contest. The contest will showcase the wide variety of birds in our four-county area and allow photographers to present their work to a broad audience.

Who: anyone can enter the contest.

What: The contest is free. You may enter up to 3 photos. Photos must be taken in Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan or Ferry counties and prominently show at least one bird that can be found in those counties. County bird lists can be found here: http://www.wabirder.com/county_map.html. Your photos do not need to have been taken in 2020.

The NCW Audubon Society adheres to the National Audubon Society's code of ethical bird photography (<https://www.audubon.org/get-outside/audubons-guide-ethical-bird-photography>). Photos of captive birds or birds that have been baited to a photo stage are not allowed. Feeder birds, however, are allowable.

When: the contest opens for submission of images on December 1, 2020. Photo entries will not be accepted after April 10, 2021. Winning photos will be announced on the NCW Audubon website (www.ncwaudubon.org) by April 15, 2021.

How: email high quality JPG photo files to ncwaudubon@gmail.com. Your JPG files should be a minimum of 1200x1500 pixels. Ideal size of your submitted images is 4000x5000 pixels at 300 ppi. Image files that are 5-20 mb in size can be emailed as attachments and are suitable for making high quality prints. Please contact us by email (ncwaudubon@gmail.com) if you have any problems.

Information to provide in your email: your name, the age category you are in, mailing address, phone number, the species name of all birds in the image, date the image was taken, and the name of the location at which the photo was taken.

Judging: Three judges will work independently to evaluate your images. The three judges' ratings will be combined to create the final image score. In case of a tie, a fourth judge will be used to rank any of the top images. All of the judges have broad technical and aesthetic bird photography experience.

Categories: Youth (less than or equal to 18 years) and Adult (19 and older).

Prizes: We will award a "best of show" prize to highlight the image that received the highest overall score. First place, second place and 1 Honorable Mention will be awarded within each of the Adult and Youth categories. We reserve the right to not award prizes in the event that there is an insufficient number of images to fill an award category. A 16x20 inch print will be made for each of the award winning images. The prints will be delivered to the winners within 6 months after the winners are announced. If Covid-19 allows group shows, our award-winning prints will be displayed with the national Audubon Society 2020 photography contest winners at the 2021 Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest. If at all possible, our award-winning prints may be displayed at various locations throughout north-central Washington for six months following the contest and before being delivered to the winning photographers.

Cameras and image quality: We recognize that photographs are created using a wide variety of cameras. Our goal is to have files with sufficient quality to make a high quality 16x20 inch print. The specifications in the "How" section above are designed to yield good 16x20 prints. Images made with a cell phone will be accepted into the contest where they will be compared to images made with DSLR or mirrorless cameras during the judging. If a cell phone image is chosen as a winning entry, the file will be manipulated to produce a file capable of making a good 16x20 print. We will make every effort to gain photographer approval of any manipulated file prior to printing. Files that have sufficient size when submitted to the contest will not be manipulated.

Image manipulation: We want you to send in images that present the scene as you saw it. Your photograph can not be manipulated to add or remove elements from the image. Normal processing of images, including cropping, contrast, sharpening, and color correction, is expected. Artistic interpretations that alter the normal view of the scene, such as adding textures, are not allowed. Do **not** apply a watermark to the images you submit.

Copyright: Photographers retain copyright to submitted files. Photographers who submit images to the contest grant the North Central Washington Audubon Society the right to respectfully use their images for publicity and promotion of the Audubon mission and programs.

Contact: Please send any questions about the contest to ncwaudubon@gmail.com.