

# 2011 Virginia Wildlife Photography Contest

Entries  
must be postmarked  
by 5:00 P.M.  
November 1, 2011.

It's time to enter your best photographs and let Virginia Wildlife magazine showcase your images for thousands to enjoy. Special prizes will be donated by Richmond Camera and *Virginia Wildlife* to contest winners. Two very talented winners will have their photographs featured on the cover (adult) and back cover (kid) as grand prizes. Winning entries also will be posted on our website.

## Categories:

Please make sure that all activities are performed in a SAFE manner (i.e., people wear lifejackets, blaze orange, eye and hearing protection).

**Landscapes**, (formerly *Scenic Seasons*), will feature gorgeous landscapes photographed anywhere and anytime in Virginia.

**Under the Surface**, (replacing *Cold & Clammy Critters*), features images shot underwater as well as from the surface into the water. Subjects could include crayfish, salamanders, fish, aquatic insects, jellyfish and other watery subjects. All must have been taken in Virginia.

**Gone Fishing**, (replacing *The Sporting Life*), was created to investigate fishing as a journey not necessarily focusing on the quest of the biggest catch. In this category it will be VERY important for subjects to have on their life jackets where appropriate. (Age five and under when in a boat).

**Furry Critters**, (formerly *Marvelous Mammal*), features native mammals though we are hoping folks will concentrate on some of the harder to get species. Please, DO NOT send us images of your pets or farm animals!

**Patterns & Textures**, (replacing *A Bug's Life*), challenges the photographer to photograph anything that follows this theme. Hint: Get Close!

**Birds**, (formerly *Bird's of Feather*), calls for any native birds photographed in Virginia. Please DO NOT submit pets and/or domestic birds such as chickens, parrots and peafowl.

**A Dog's Life**, (replacing *Fantastic Flowers*), is looking for hunting dogs in action throughout Virginia.

**Kids and Cameras** is now one category open to ages 6 to 16 years old. Kids can submit any images pertaining to the above categories.

**BONUS IN ALL CATEGORIES – Humor** - As a surprise we have added a Humor bonus category in all categories. I'm not sure how a landscape can be funny but we are encouraging participants to enter any funny images that they come up with in the given categories. One will be selected per category and a prize will be awarded.

## How to Enter:

1. The contest is open to any photographer, amateur or professional, except employees of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Contest-related usage rights must be available to *Virginia Wildlife*.

2. Each photographer may enter up to three (3) digital images per category. Note that submissions will not be returned. **PRINTS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED.**

3. All images submitted must have been taken in Virginia within the past five years. Do not enter photographs of animals or plants that are not native to Virginia.

4. All contest entries must be listed on a piece of paper or "Delivery Memo" with your name, address, and phone number. Each entry must be individually listed in this memo stating the category in which it is entered and any details on how and where the image was taken. If possible, indicate camera type, make, model, lens, and settings used, to include ISO, shutter speed, and aperture.

5. **Digital images:** Photograph images at the highest resolution possible and send us the original JPEG, TIFF, or RAW file. Entries may be sent on one CD or DVD. Label disk(s) with your name and daytime phone number. Embed each digital file with your contact information. In-

dicating the category for each picture or place it in a named folder. No digital prints are required. **NOTE: submissions will not be returned.**

Digital images that are grainy or show pixilation cannot be accepted for judging. Manipulation of exposure, cropping, and minor color correction is acceptable. Do not crop too tightly. **It is not acceptable to remove or add features to an image.**

6. We prefer that all photographs taken be of wild animals or plants in the wild but will accept photographs of animals or plants taken under "controlled conditions" or in captive situations. Shots of animals or plants in the wild are given preference over captive shots. Wild animals should not be captured for the sole purpose of photographs for this contest. If you do photograph captive or "controlled" animals, this MUST be stated in the Delivery Memo.

7. Submissions must be postmarked by 5:00 P.M. on **November 1, 2011**. Winning entries will appear in the March 2012 issue of this magazine.

8. Mail contest entries to: 2011 Annual Photography Contest, c/o Virginia Wildlife Magazine, 4010 W. Broad St., P.O. Box 11104, Richmond, VA 23230-1104. The courier address is: 2010 Annual Photography Contest c/o Virginia Wildlife Magazine, 4010 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230. It is recommended that you send your submission by certified, registered mail or by a courier who uses a tracking number to locate lost packages.

9. *Virginia Wildlife* staff members and well-known wildlife/environmental photographer Lynda Richardson will judge all entries. Contest judges will not be responsible for lost mail.

The Annual Photography Contest is offered as a way to bring greater appreciation to Virginia's wildlife and natural resources.

## Just a few of 2010's great entries!

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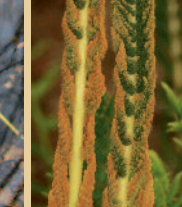
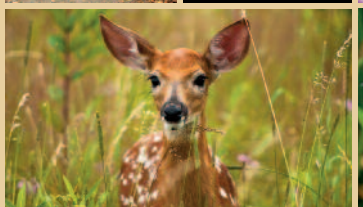
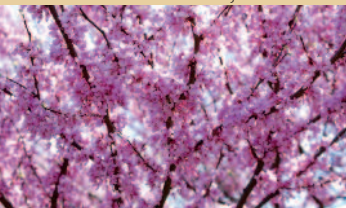
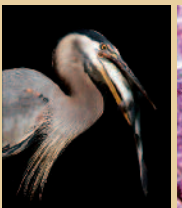
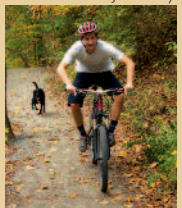
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