

## VIRGINIA WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWCASE

The annual photography showcase is offered as a way to celebrate the rich heritage of Virginia's wildlife and natural resources and pay tribute to the mission of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Published images from those submitted will appear in the **July-August 2017** issue; other entries may appear in accompanying features (as part of that issue) and on our website to promote the mission of the agency and advertise future photography contests. Promotional usage rights must be available to *Virginia Wildlife* staff and to the Department's webmaster.

This year, the best submissions will be published in the following general categories but will *not* be judged:

- Virginia Fauna – native mammals (game and nongame), birds, insects, reptiles, and amphibians; underwater images of fish and aquatic life
- Virginia Landscapes – native plants, trees, flowers, and especially, scenic landscapes
- Textures & Patterns – abstract designs/patterns found in nature
- The Sporting Life – wildlife (game, nongame) and fishing activities afield

### HOW TO ENTER:

The showcase is open to any photographer, amateur or professional, young and young at heart, *including* employees of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

1. Each photographer may enter up to three (3) digital images per category. Note that submissions will not be returned and PRINTS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED.
2. All entries must be identified by photographer name, city/state of residence, and daytime phone number in order to be published. Image location is helpful but not required.
3. All entries must have been taken in Virginia of plants and animals native to Virginia. We prefer that all photos of wild animals be taken in their natural habitat.
4. Digital images: Images submitted must have been shot at the highest resolution and size possible to meet publication requirements. DO NOT overly sharpen, saturate, or color correct your images. Send via a CD or DVD labeled with your name and daytime phone number.
5. Submissions must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, February 6, 2017** and the best entries will appear in the July-August 2017 issue of this magazine.

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Mail contest entries to: Annual Photography Contest, c/o Virginia Wildlife Magazine, P.O. Box 90778, Henrico, VA 23228-0778.

The courier address is: Annual Photography Contest, c/o Virginia Wildlife Magazine, 7870 Villa Park Drive, Suite 400, Henrico, VA 23228. Submissions will not be returned, and Department staff will not be responsible for lost mail.