



2010 Wild Ones Photo Entry Form and Rules

Wild Ones' annual photo contest gives members a chance to show off their best native plant and landscape photos. Members are encouraged to experience the natural world and have fun. The emphasis should be on showing native plants and natural landscapes, and those things related to these environments. All members are encouraged to enter. A special category for kids persuades children to show us their views of natural landscapes.

The photos will be judged on technical merit by a highly qualified photographer.

Only Wild Ones members and employees of our business members, whose membership is, and will be, current during the course of this contest, may enter. Household memberships includes those who live within the same household. Deadline for receipt of mailed submissions is *August 3, 2010*—no exceptions. Photo contest entries can be personally delivered to the WILD Center no later than 4:00 PM on *August 3*. The committee reserves the right to reject submitted photos that do not adhere to the rules or that are inappropriate.

2010 Photo Contest Rules

Read and follow these rules carefully.

1. The subject of all entries **must** be native plant species, native species landscape, or native plant ecology found in the USA or Canada. Photos of subjects that are not native will be disqualified.
2. No more than two entries per category and no more than four entries per member. Each person under a household or business membership may enter.
3. Photos cannot have been previously entered in the Wild Ones Photo Contest.
4. All photos must be submitted electronically, either via email or on a CD.
5. Photos may be in color or black and white.
6. A montage of two or more photos may be entered as a single entry. All photos in the montage must fit one of the categories and convey a single theme. All photos in the montage must be displayed as a single entry.
7. A completed entry form must be filled out for and accompany each entry. Go to [http://www.for-wild.org/conference/2010/photo/Photo Contest Submit Form.pdf](http://www.for-wild.org/conference/2010/photo/Photo%20Contest%20Submit%20Form.pdf)
8. Photographs will be judged according to the following criteria:
 - a. Technical merit (composition, focus, exposure, color)
 - b. Appropriateness to category
9. It is preferred that you mail a CD with the photo files with your entries. See the guidelines section below.

Categories

All photos must contain images of native plant species.

- **Flora:** Plant species native to the United States or Canada.
- **Scenery:** Any aspect of native woodland, savanna, prairie, and wetlands (may include wildlife as part of the native landscape).
- **Pollinators, Insects or Bugs:** Native to the United States or Canada. Must contain images of native plant species.
- **Child or Children:** Exploring the natural environment (prairies, woodlands, or wet areas made up of native plant species).
- **Residential Landscaping:** Native landscaping that includes residences as part of the subject. Emphasis must be placed on the native landscaping.
- **Non-residential Landscaping:** Native landscaping that includes non-residential buildings or facilities as part of the subject. Examples include businesses, shopping areas, non-profit facilities, and government facilities that are landscaped with native plants. Emphasis must be placed on the native landscaping.
- **Wild Ones Activities:** Educational programs (monthly meetings, conferences, seed exchanges, seed collecting, plant rescues garden tours, etc.) and public relations activities (home & garden shows, festivals etc.).
- **Kid's Photos:** Photos in any of the above categories taken by children up to age 18. All entries are judged as one category under the Kid's Photos category no matter what the descriptive category from above is. Kids can enter up to four photos but no more than two entries from any of the above categories. For example, two might be of the category of Flora, one of Landscaping and one of Scenery.

E-mail photos to: photocontestHQ@for-wild.org

or

Mail CD of photos to:
2010 Wild Ones Photo Contest
Chan Mahanta
16770 Old Jamestown Road
Florissant, MO 63034

By entering the contest, each photographer will be giving Wild Ones Natural Landscapers, Ltd and its affiliates permission to publish his or her photograph.

For more information, go to the Wild Ones website at www.for-wild.org or send an email to photocom@for-wild.org.

Guidelines

The following gives you additional information as you consider your entries.

Each image should have a main subject with **emphasis on native plants**. If your photo is of an insect, for example, a reasonable amount of the photo must include one or more native plants. Think about the purpose of the contest. Your photos should show things that support our mission.

Before you submit your photo of native plants be sure the plants are true natives and native to where the photo was taken. Unfortunately, each year some very nice photos are disqualified because the plants in the photos are not native to the location. A photo of a hybrid or cultivar of a native plant is not acceptable. A photo that you took in your yard of a plant species that is not native to your state or is from another country will be disqualified.

When viewing photographs judges look for impact, creativity, composition, center of interest, lighting, color balance, and print quality. If a photo captures all this but is not in focus, it loses all these elements—above all, a photo *must* be in focus.

The Process:

Photos will be judged by a highly qualified photographer who will determine a first, second, and third place award in each category. After the initial judging, photos will be placed on the Wild Ones Web site and members will be invited to vote for their favorite photo to determine the People's Choice award. Ribbons will be given as awards, and at our discretion, additional prizes may be awarded.

Photo entries may be used in Wild Ones promotional materials, Web site and presentations. Therefore, resolution for these files should be no less than 300 pixels per inch and saved in .jpg, format.

Entries will not be returned.

2010 Wild Ones Photo Contest Entry Form

This form should be securely fastened on the back of each photo submitted.
Please PRINT.

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Wild Ones chapter affiliation _____

(If not a member of a chapter, indicate PAL for partner-at large.)

Photo category _____

I am entering as an adult. _____ Or in the Kid's photo category _____ Kid's age _____

Title of photo _____

Location, time of day, and circumstances under which photo was taken.

Optional:

Type of camera _____

For contest coordinators and judges only.

Entry Number: _____ *Place Award (if applicable):* _____