

Entry Form

- Maximum of three photos per photographer.
- Copy as needed, place on back of each photo entered.

Name	
Address	
Email address	
Telephone Number	
Photo Title	
Photo Location	
Date Photo Taken	

Category (check one):

- Scenic Views of the Refuge
- Wildlife and Plants of the Refuge
- Connecting People with Nature on the Refuge*
- Young Nature Photographers (Age 16 and under)*

*Entries that include people require photo release available by email request (stephanie_edeler@fws.gov) or at the Friends of the Refuge Headwaters website: FriendsOfTheRefugeHeadwaters.org

Copyright Release Form:

I hereby grant permission to the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge (Service) and to Friends of the Refuge Headwaters (FORH) to reproduce my photographs in official Service and FORH publications, social media pages, and signs for educational, informational and promotional purposes. The photographs shall be credited to the photographer by the legend: © 'Photographer Name'

I do hereby release the Service and FORH from any and all claims related to the display of my photographs submitted herewith, including but not limited to, claims which may result from the loss or damage to those photographs.

Print Name	
Signature	
Date	



Refuge Centennial Photo Contest 2023-2024



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Call for Entries

Deadline For Entry: October 27, 2023

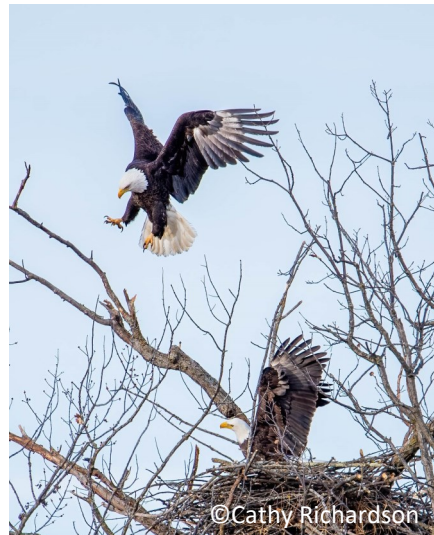
Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge

Photo Contest Rules:

1. All photos must be taken on-or-of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. Photos not meeting this rule will be disqualified.
2. The photo contest **entry deadline is October 27, 2023**.
3. Each entry must be the original work of the person submitting and no alterations besides cropping, dodging, burning, spotting, sharpening, contrast, and slight color adjustment will be accepted on entries.
4. **Amateur** photographers only. (May not possess a professional photographer tax ID number for the sale of photographs).
5. Entries submitted in previous refuge photo contests will not be accepted.
6. Photos must be printed 8" x 10" and matted to 11" x 14" using either a black or a white mat. No frames allowed.
7. You may enter **three photos total**.
8. Completed entry forms must be attached to the back of each photo (see back page). Each entry must include a title for the photo.
9. In addition to the entry photo, if entry is a digital photo, provide a 300 dpi digital .jpg file on a CD or email the .jpg file (6 MB or less) to Stephanie_Edeler@fws.gov.
10. Judging will be anonymous, therefore, do not include your name or other identifying information on the front of photo.
11. Photos will not be automatically returned but may be picked up at the Refuge Office where submitted between February 1 and March 15, 2024. Winning entries will be returned in early 2025.

Categories:

- Scenic Views of the Refuge
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- Young Nature Photographers (any of the above categories, age 16 and under)



Any entry containing people must have a signed Photo Release form for each subject in the photo. Form is posted on the Friends of the Refuge website: FriendsOftheRefugeHeadwaters.org

To Enter:

Labeled entries and signed release form must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. October 27, 2023. Please call ahead to drop off entries at any Refuge Office (Winona: 507-454-7351, La Crosse: 608-779-2399, McGregor: 608-326-0515, or Savanna: 815-273-2732) or mail entries to:

Stephanie Edeler
USFWS
102 Walnut Street, Suite 205
Winona, MN 55987

Judging and Exhibition:

Entries will be judged before January 1, 2024 on three criteria:

- capturing the spirit of the Refuge
- technical quality
- intrinsic beauty

Winning photos will become part of an exhibit displayed at public events throughout the Refuge in 2024. Best of Show will be determined by public voting during these exhibits. Select entries will be posted on Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge's and Friends of the Refuge Headwaters' (FORH) social media pages.

Awards:

Awards will be given in each category as follows:

- 1st Place: \$200.00
- 2nd Place: \$100.00
- 3rd Place: \$50.00
- Best of Show: \$200.00

Use of Photos:

FORH and the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge have the right to publish submitted photographs for educational, informational, and promotional purposes. Brochure photos by 2021 contest winners.



Questions and Information:

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