



PhotoFest Contest Rules

Photos must be of wild birds, not captive and must be taken in Galveston, Brazoria, Harris, Fort Bend, Jefferson, Chambers, and newly added Orange and Montgomery counties. In addition, the photos must have been taken after March 1, 2020.

Photos must be e-mailed to FeatherFestPhotoFest@gmail.com by 10 pm on Sunday March 13, 20, 27, and April 3, 2022. Entries received after 10p.m. will automatically be added to the next week's contest. The winning photos will be published in the Thursday editions of the Daily News as well as online on Galveston.com and the FeatherFest homepage beginning March 24, 2022.

Entries are limited to two photos for each weekly contest and must be submitted in separate emails. If two photos are included in the same email only the first image will be considered. Photos must be accompanied with the following information included in the email: photographer's name, title of photo, name of bird(s) in photo, location where the photo was taken.

The files containing the photos must be named using the following format:

Lastname_Firstname_TitleofPhoto.jpg

Some email clients will resize your photos to reduce the size. It has been found that if one uses the web version of your email client, this can be prevented. Photos must be in JPEG format at 300dpi, not larger than 6MB, and a minimum of 1800 pixels on the longest side. (The photos can be larger than 1800 pixels on the longest side as long as they do not exceed 6MB.) Please do not downsize your images.

Images may be cropped, sharpened, color adjusted and/or altered in other minor ways. While cleaning of dust spots is permissible, removal of other elements such as distracting objects of the photograph is not permissible. Please do not include any watermarks or date stamps on your images.

Images may not be collages, composites or blends of more than one image. The original capture of the image must be available on request.

Failure to comply with all the above requirements will result in the image not being considered.

First, second and third place winners will be selected for each weekly contest. Winners will be notified by email about the winning entries. The first-place winner each week will receive a photography gift card from Houston Camera Exchange with a value of \$50.

A grand prize winner will be selected from the four weekly winners and the photographer will receive a \$100 gift card from Houston Camera Exchange in addition to their weekly winner gift card.

Photographers who submit an entry grant The Daily News, Galveston.com, the Galveston CVB, and Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council a license to publish and display the photo and to use it in promotional and fundraising materials for nature tourism efforts without compensation. Additional permission will be requested for using photographs for purposes other than listed above. Photo credit will be acknowledged whenever possible but not guaranteed.

Deadline to Submit Photos

Date Winning Photos Published

Sunday 3/13/2022

Thursday 3/24/2022

Sunday 3/20/2022

Thursday 3/31/2022

Sunday 3/27/2022

Thursday 4/7/2022

Sunday 4/3/2022

Thursday 4/14/2022

Grand Prize-Winning Photo:

Thursday 4/21/2022