



Greetings shutterbugs, nature enthusiasts, and birders!

Pasco Audubon is pleased to announce registration for our 2024 Nature and Wildlife Photography of Tampa Bay competition has opened.

Last year's digital exhibits were a great success, with all our artists' far-flung friends and family enjoying their work. Hopefully you have been able to get outside this year and enjoy the beauty and wildlife we have here in Tampa Bay. Please do take the opportunity to share that with us!

Important Notes for Participants:

- Entry forms, photos, and entry fees must be received by **March 15th**.
All entry fees support Pasco Audubon's conservation projects.
- Contest winners will be announced **April 6th** during our season-ending monthly talk with special guest speaker **Kirsten Hines** a Florida-based author, wildlife photographer, and conservationist with a master's degree in biology and a background as an environmental educator. Her topic will be: **Conservation Photography: Using your Images for a Greater Good**
- Best of Show prize of \$100 and other cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category will be awarded. Categories this year include **Bird, Nature (non-bird), Best Photo taken in Starkey Park, and Conservation**.
- Registration information is available online at our website, right on our homepage, <http://pascoaudubon.com/>. But you only need to submit three things:

1 - A completed entry form (included below). You can either snap a picture of it with your phone and e-mail it along with your photo entries to Kimberly Snaric at pascoaudubon@gmail.com or mail a hard copy to our PO Box listed at the bottom of the entry form.

2 – Email Digital copies of your entry photos (no larger than 5MB each). Please email the photo entries to contest coordinator, Kimberly Snaric, at pascoaudubon@gmail.com

3 - Entry fees. Conveniently pay online through our Pasco Audubon PayPal account. Visit www.paypal.me/pascoaudubon or you can mail a check to our PO Box. Easy!

Help Support Pasco Audubon Conservation Efforts!

All proceeds from the Pasco Audubon annual photo contest fund our local conservation initiatives. Past proceeds have helped fund construction of our bird blind at Grassy Lake; Bluebird, Kestrel, and Wood Duck nesting boxes; the refurbishment of the park's native plant garden; and development of "birding backpacks" (binos, field guides, and such for adults and children) to be available for check out at our local libraries.

In addition, we support a growing Conservation Leadership Initiative (CLI) program, in which we partner with college undergraduate students to introduce them to Audubon's mission and goals. In return they help us reach the next generation of conservation leaders. Our former CLI students' projects ranged from conducting research on the relationship between water level and lake use by species of concern here at Starkey Park, to research on how prescribed burns help our Bachman's Sparrows, to the development of a program specifically designed to recruit and engage young adults in our chapter.

We sincerely hope you join us this year in celebrating and sharing Tampa Bay's natural wonders.

Thank you in advance for your support and participation!

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