



## **Greetings shutterbugs, nature enthusiasts, and birders!**

Pasco Audubon is pleased to announce registration for our 2025 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 12<sup>th</sup>**.  
**All entry fees support Pasco Audubon's conservation projects.**
- Contest winners will be announced **April 5<sup>th</sup>** during our season-ending monthly talk. Our featured presentation will be on **Costa Rica: A Photographic and Birding Adventure** and will be presented by our members/photographers who are traveling to the country this spring. This is in keeping with past presentations on travel photography in South Africa and Ecuador - we hope that you will find it inspirational.
- Best of Show prize of \$100 and other cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Halldor Sigurdsson at [pascoaudubonphotos@gmail.com](mailto:pascoaudubonphotos@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, Halldor Sigurdsson, at [pascoaudubonphotos@gmail.com](mailto:pascoaudubonphotos@gmail.com)

**3 - Entry fees.** Conveniently pay online through our Pasco Audubon PayPal account. Visit [www.paypal.me/pascoaudubon](http://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 to promoting public education, Pasco Audubon participates in national scientific conservation projects such as the annual Christmas bird count and Eagle Watch, an ongoing study which monitors the status and fledging success in Bald Eagle nests. We also support Project Bluebird through the construction, maintenance, and monitoring of 15 nesting boxes within and around Starkey Park and numerous other locations through Pasco.

Currently, we are developing a partnership with Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park to survey threatened and sensitive bird species living within the park. We are also researching the feasibility of installing a monitoring station capable of recording wildlife equipped with tracking devices. These stations allow scientists to better understand migration patterns. Both of these projects require a significant investment in equipment to determine which habitats and land spaces are most critical in supporting wildlife, and both would help in making more informed land management decisions.

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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