

GARDEN FOR WILDLIFE™

2024 PHOTO CONTEST

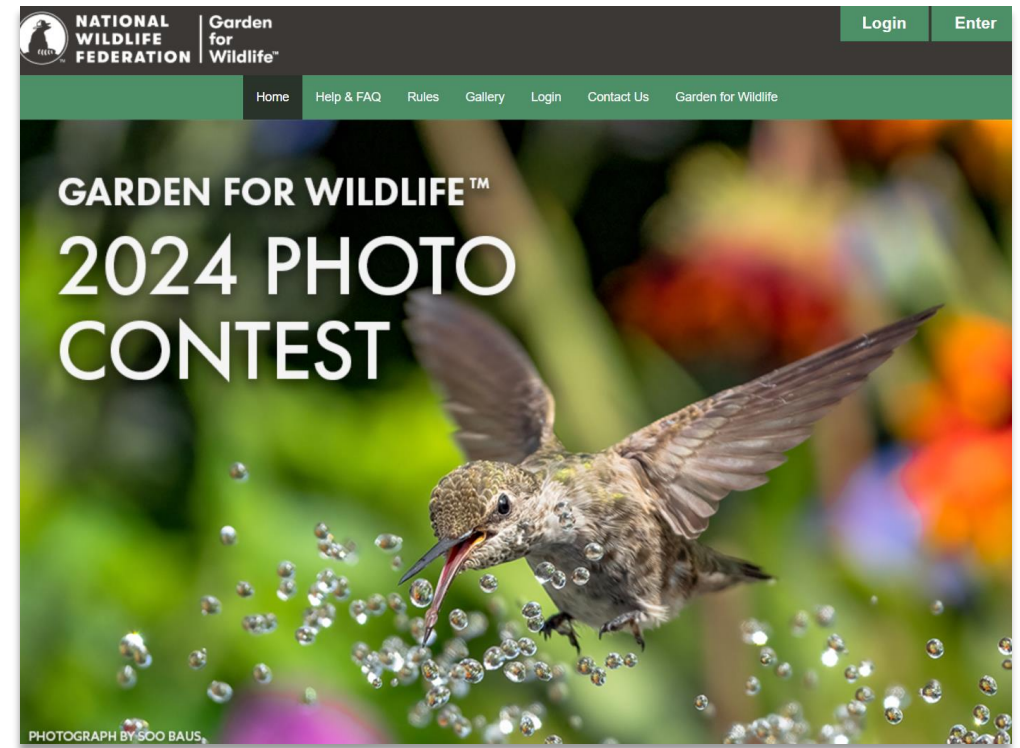


**HOW TO ENTER
STEP BY STEP GUIDE**

Step 1: Go to the Photo Contest Website

Go to www.gfwphotocontest.nwf.org

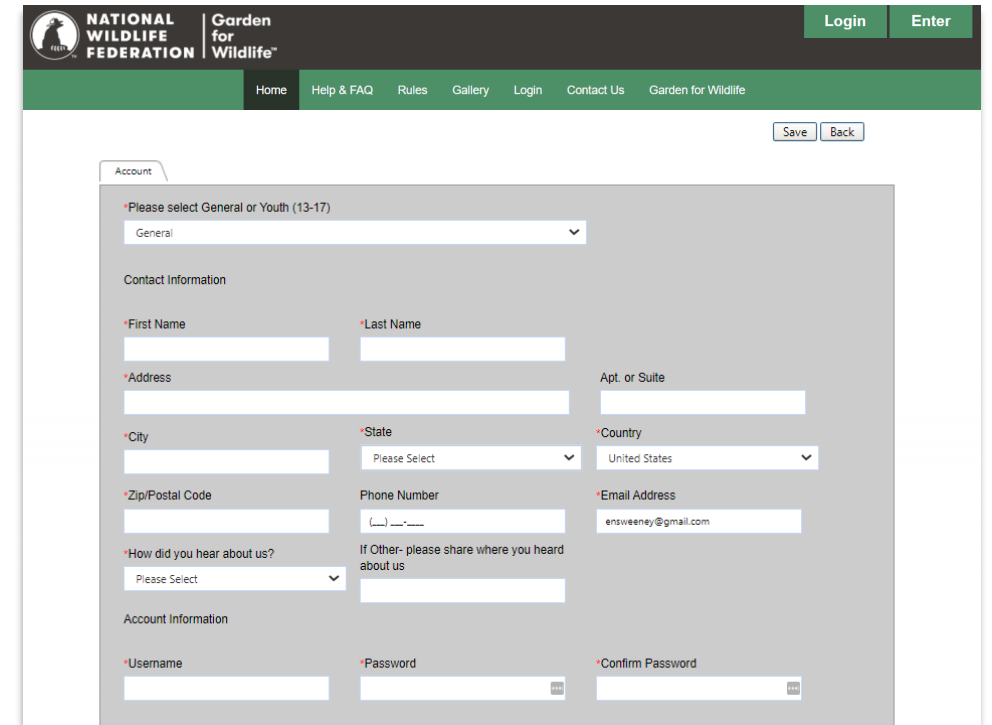
- All entrants must create a Garden for Wildlife 2024 Photo Contest account by pressing the “Enter” button at the top right of the page.
- If you have already created an account for the 2024 contest skip step 2 and instead press the “Login” button where you can enter your username and password.



**If you have a previous year's Garden for Wildlife or National Wildlife Federation Photo Contest account, a new account still must be created for this contest.*

Step 2: Create Your Account

- To begin your registration, first select *General Entrant* or *Youth Entrant** from the drop down menu. Then fill out all required fields (indicated with a red asterisk).
- Be sure to save your username and password!



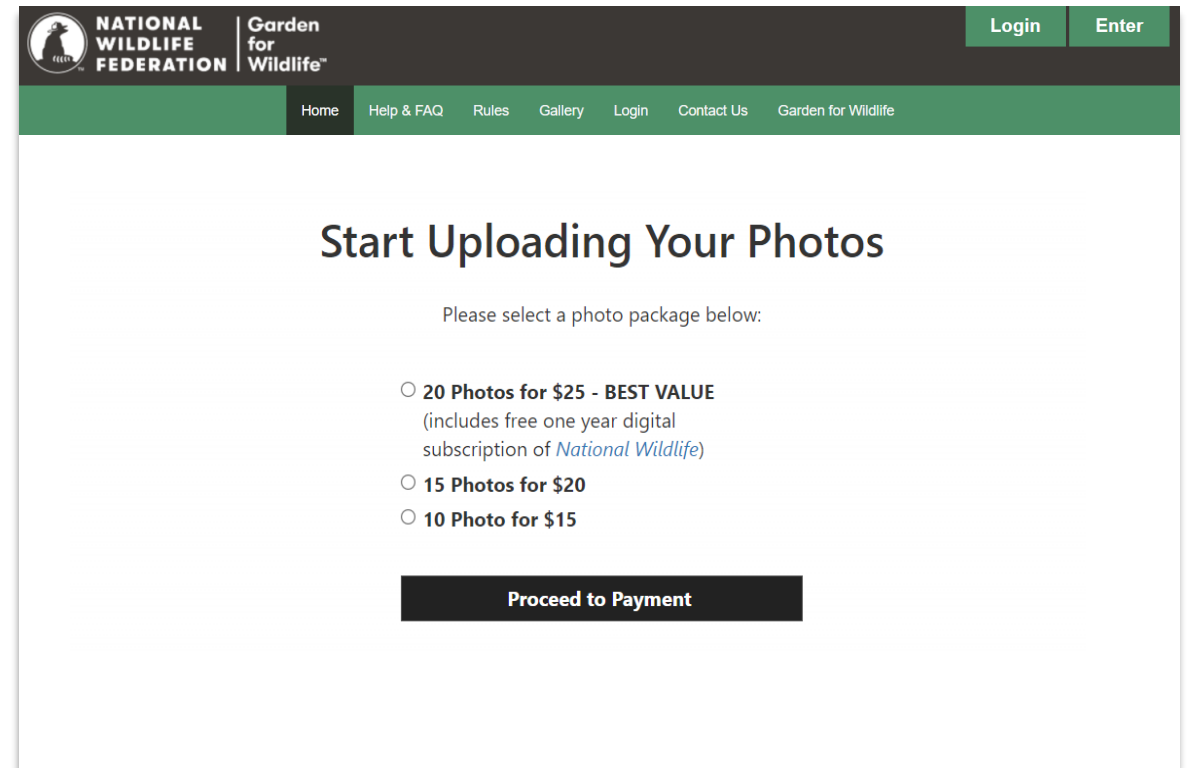
The screenshot shows the registration form for the National Wildlife Federation's Garden for Wildlife. The form is titled "Account" and includes a dropdown menu to select "General" or "Youth (13-17)". Below this, there are sections for "Contact Information" and "Account Information". The "Contact Information" section includes fields for First Name, Last Name, Address, City, State, Country, Zip/Postal Code, Phone Number, and Email Address. The "Account Information" section includes fields for Username, Password, and Confirm Password. The form is set against a dark green background with a white header and a dark green navigation bar.

After creating an account, you will receive an email to confirm your registration.

**If you're filling out the form for a Youth Entrant, be sure to include the child's name and age in the "Youth" fields at the bottom*

Step 3: Select Your Photo Package

- You have three photo-entry packages to choose from depending on the number of photos you would like to enter.
- Once you select your photo package, enter your payment information and check out.

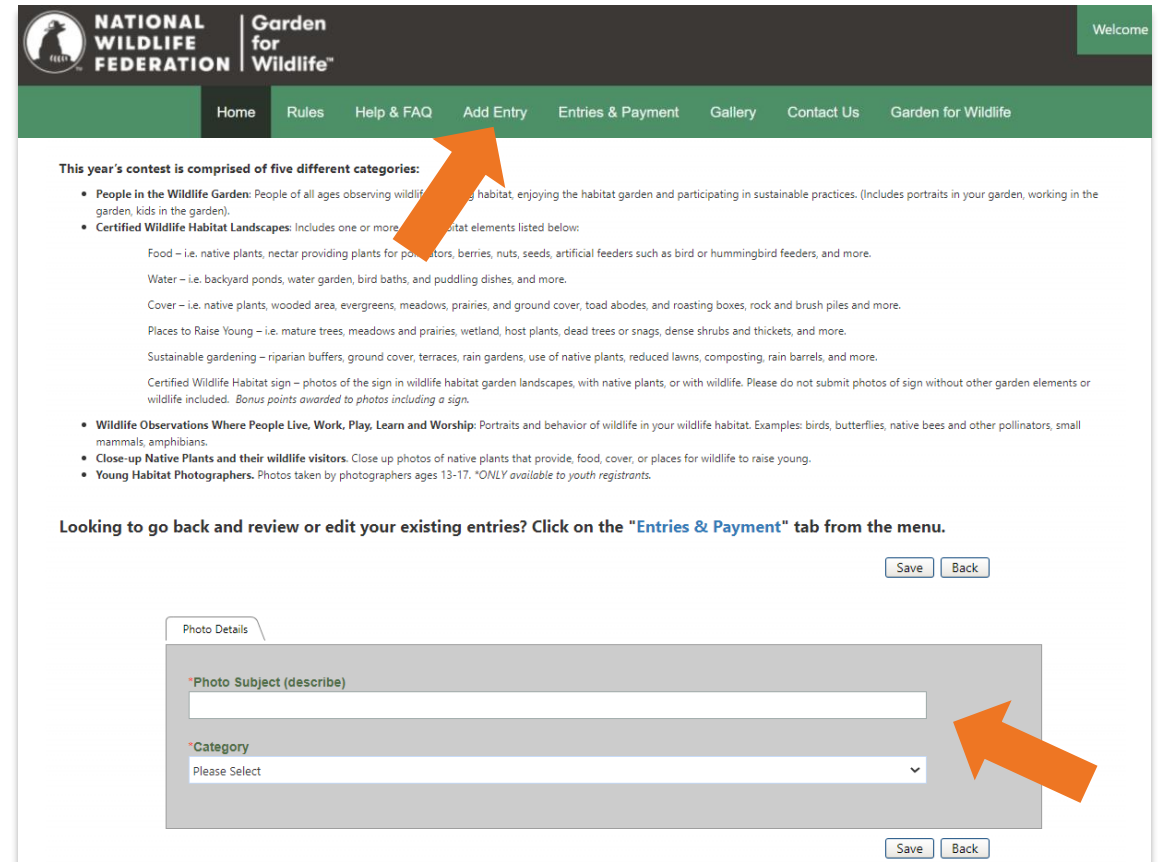


The screenshot shows the National Wildlife Federation website interface. At the top, there is a dark header with the logo on the left and 'Login' and 'Enter' buttons on the right. Below this is a green navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'Help & FAQ', 'Rules', 'Gallery', 'Login', 'Contact Us', and 'Garden for Wildlife'. The main content area is white and features the heading 'Start Uploading Your Photos'. Below the heading, it says 'Please select a photo package below:' followed by three radio button options: '20 Photos for \$25 - BEST VALUE (includes free one year digital subscription of *National Wildlife*)', '15 Photos for \$20', and '10 Photo for \$15'. At the bottom of the selection area is a black button labeled 'Proceed to Payment'.

You will receive an email to confirm your payment

Step 4: Start a Submission

- Click on the “Add Entry” button to begin adding photos to your account. *Remember that you must be logged in to access this button and page.*
- Start with “Photo Subject” and select a contest category for each photo entry.
- Click on “save” button to proceed to next steps.



The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with the 'Add Entry' button highlighted by an orange arrow. Below the menu, a section titled 'This year's contest is comprised of five different categories:' lists various contest categories with their respective rules and requirements. At the bottom, a 'Photo Details' form is visible, featuring a 'Photo Subject (describe)' text input field and a 'Category' dropdown menu. An orange arrow points to the 'Category' dropdown. 'Save' and 'Back' buttons are present at the bottom of the form.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION | Garden for Wildlife™ Welcome

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This year's contest is comprised of five different categories:

- **People in the Wildlife Garden:** People of all ages observing wildlife in their habitat, enjoying the habitat garden and participating in sustainable practices. (Includes portraits in your garden, working in the garden, kids in the garden).
- **Certified Wildlife Habitat Landscapes:** Includes one or more habitat elements listed below:
 - Food – i.e. native plants, nectar providing plants for pollinators, berries, nuts, seeds, artificial feeders such as bird or hummingbird feeders, and more.
 - Water – i.e. backyard ponds, water garden, bird baths, and puddling dishes, and more.
 - Cover – i.e. native plants, wooded area, evergreens, meadows, prairies, and ground cover, toad abodes, and roasting boxes, rock and brush piles and more.
 - Places to Raise Young – i.e. mature trees, meadows and prairies, wetland, host plants, dead trees or snags, dense shrubs and thickets, and more.
 - Sustainable gardening – riparian buffers, ground cover, terraces, rain gardens, use of native plants, reduced lawns, composting, rain barrels, and more.
 - Certified Wildlife Habitat sign – photos of the sign in wildlife habitat garden landscapes, with native plants, or with wildlife. Please do not submit photos of sign without other garden elements or wildlife included. *Bonus points awarded to photos including a sign.*
- **Wildlife Observations Where People Live, Work, Play, Learn and Worship:** Portraits and behavior of wildlife in your wildlife habitat. Examples: birds, butterflies, native bees and other pollinators, small mammals, amphibians.
- **Close-up Native Plants and their wildlife visitors.** Close up photos of native plants that provide, food, cover, or places for wildlife to raise young.
- **Young Habitat Photographers.** Photos taken by photographers ages 13-17. *ONLY available to youth registrants.

Looking to go back and review or edit your existing entries? Click on the “[Entries & Payment](#)” tab from the menu.

Save Back

Photo Details

*Photo Subject (describe)

*Category
Please Select

Save Back

Step 5: Upload Your Photo

Fill out the photo information for each image. Be accurate with image description, as it can not be changed after it's submitted.

Click "Select" to select a photo from your computer or mobile device.

Would you like to donate your photo to NWF? [Learn what this means by clicking here.](#)

After your image is uploaded, click "Submit Entry" to submit this photo.

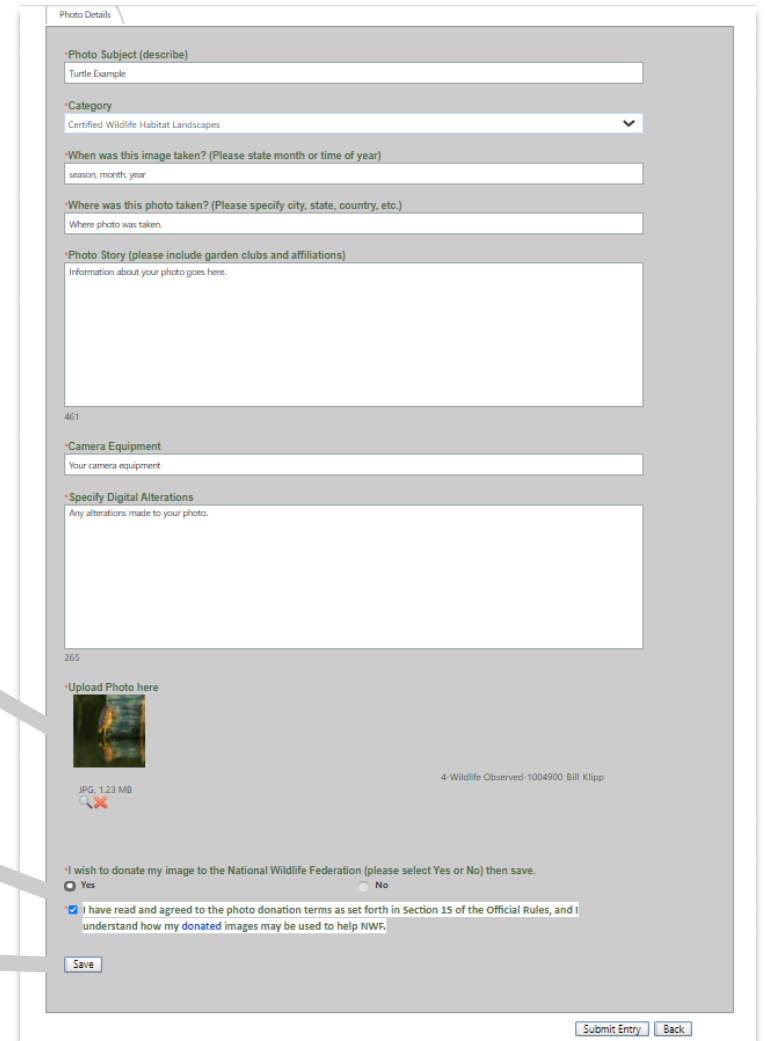


Photo Details

Photo Subject (describe)
Turtle Example

Category
Certified Wildlife Habitat Landscapes

When was this image taken? (Please state month or time of year)
season, month, year

Where was this photo taken? (Please specify city, state, country, etc.)
Where photo was taken.


Photo Story (please include garden clubs and affiliations)
Information about your photo goes here.

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Camera Equipment
Your camera equipment

Specify Digital Alterations
Any alterations made to your photo.

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Upload Photo here

JPG, 1.23 MB
4 - Wildlife Observed-1004900 Bill Klipp

I wish to donate my image to the National Wildlife Federation (please select Yes or No) then save.
 Yes No

I have read and agreed to the photo donation terms as set forth in Section 15 of the Official Rules, and I understand how my donated images may be used to help NWF.

Save

Submit Entry Back

Step 6: See Your Entries or Add More

- Entered images can be reviewed in the “Entries & Payment” page.
- Want to submit more? Click on “Add Entry” to add more images.

Check the Status of Your Images:

Accepted - Images have been successfully submitted

Completed - Images are uploaded, but not submitted

Incomplete - Something is missing.

Need additional help? Click on the “Contact Us” button and submit your question

Here are a few tips that can help you with the entry process:

1. To add a new entry, click on the **Add Entry** button, fill out the photo subject and select a photo contest category, and click 'Save'. (If you did not already pay the entry fee during the registration process, you will be prompted to purchase a photo-entry package. Additional packages may also be purchased, there is no limit on the total number of images allowed.)
2. To edit an existing entry or review your submissions, scroll down on this page to your entry list. To edit draft entry forms, click on the image's 'Entry Title' or the corresponding pencil icon. To replace an image you don't want, *and it has not been submitted*, click on the entry title to replace it with a new description and upload a new image.
3. To complete your submission form, all required information fields (denoted by a red asterisk*) for each image must be filled out before you can submit your entry to be judged. If the required information has not been completed, the corresponding missing fields will be displayed. Click the image's status then click on the field name to be taken to the co-field to complete the form. **Do not click submit until you are completely done with your entry. Accepted entries cannot be edited.**
4. To submit an entry for judging, click on the 'Submit' button. The application form is complete and will show a status of 'Accepted,' the image will automatically be entered to the judging site. Once you have submitted, the entry cannot be modified.

Each photo entered into the Photo Contest is automatically entered for the People's Choice Award, viewable in the gallery for voting by the public and sharable with family and friends through social media. If you do not wish to enter your photo into the People's Choice Award contest, at time of entry you must uncheck the appropriate box for each photo in the submission form. Unchecking this box means your entered photo will be seen only by NWPC judges and not available for viewing in the public gallery.

Entry Status:

- **Accepted:** Denotes a successful submitted image. An accepted entry **cannot** be edited nor deleted.
- **Completed:** Denotes entry still needs to be submitted to the judges. Entry can be edited or deleted.
- **Incomplete:** Denotes the application form is not completely filled out, click on the entry's title to complete the Photo Details form. Entry can be edited or deleted.

If you have more questions, please check out the [Help & FAQ page](#).

Thumbnail images below are for confirmation of your entries. Judges will review original images

[Add Entry](#) [View/Print Invoice](#)

Edit	No.	Entry Title	Category	Media	Status	Payment Status	Fee	Date Added	Delete
	3	Bee Example	Close-Up Native Plants and their Wildlife Visitors		Completed	<input type="button" value="SUBMIT"/>	\$0.00	07/23/2021	
	2	Turtle Example	Certified Wildlife Habitat Landscapes		Accepted		\$0.00	07/23/2021	
	1	Bird Example	Wildlife Observations Where People Live, Work, Play, Learn, and Worship		Incomplete		\$1.00	07/21/2021	
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