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[O] PHOTO CONTEST

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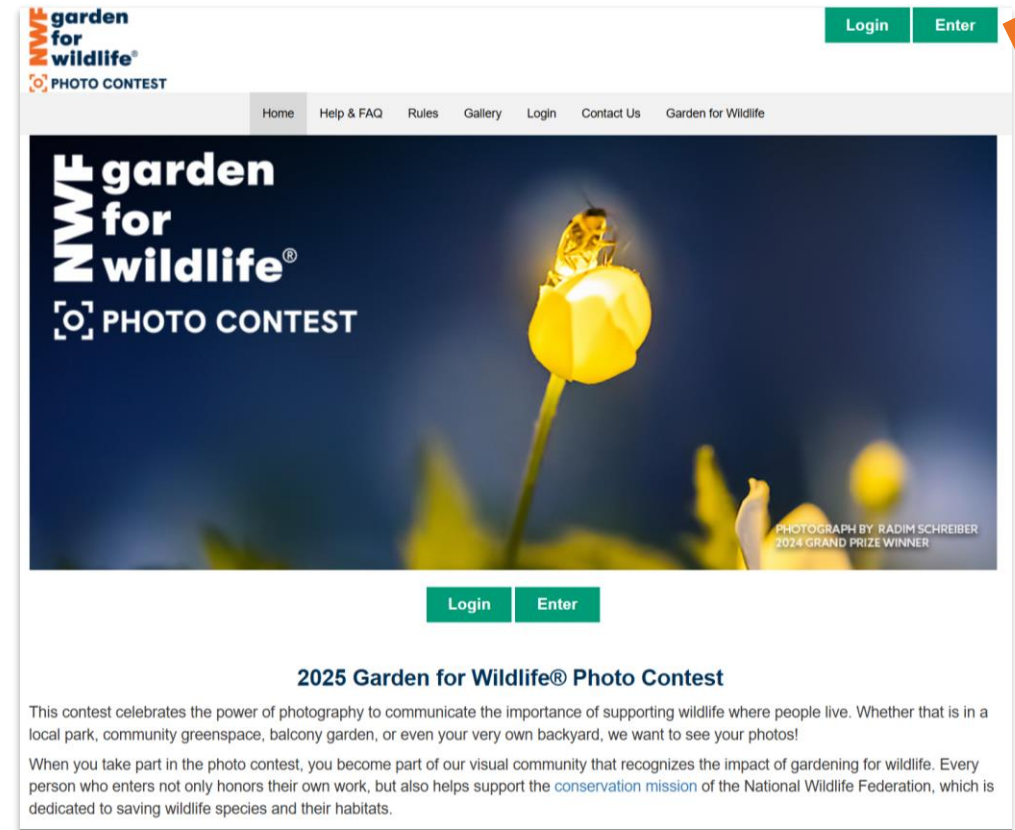
**ACCOUNT CREATION AND PHOTO SUBMISSION
STEP BY STEP GUIDE**

Step 1: Go to the Photo Contest Website

Go to <https://gfwphotocontest.nwf.org/>

All entrants must **create an account**. To do this, press the “Enter” button at the top right of the page and enter your email address.

If you have already created an account for the 2025 contest, press the “Login” button, enter your username and password, and then skip ahead to [step 3 of this guide](#).



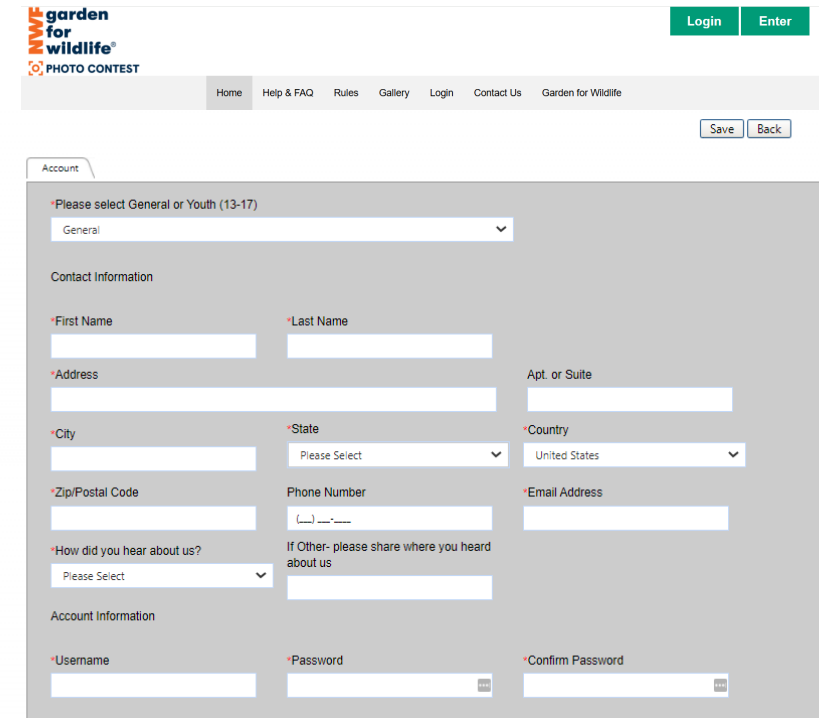
***If you have a previous year’s Garden for Wildlife or *National Wildlife* Photo Contest account, a new account still must be created for this contest.**

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.

Ensure your email and phone number are accurate. This is how we will contact you if you win!

Make a note of your username and password.



The screenshot shows the registration page for the NWE Garden for Wildlife Photo Contest. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo, a 'PHOTO CONTEST' tag, and links for Home, Help & FAQ, Rules, Gallery, Login, Contact Us, and Garden for Wildlife. There are 'Login' and 'Enter' buttons in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, there are 'Save' and 'Back' buttons. The main form is titled 'Account' and contains several sections: a dropdown menu to select 'General' or 'Youth (13-17)', a 'Contact Information' section with fields for First Name, Last Name, Address, City, State, Country, Zip/Postal Code, Phone Number, and Email Address, and an 'Account Information' section with fields for Username, Password, and Confirm Password. Some fields are marked with a red asterisk to indicate they are required.

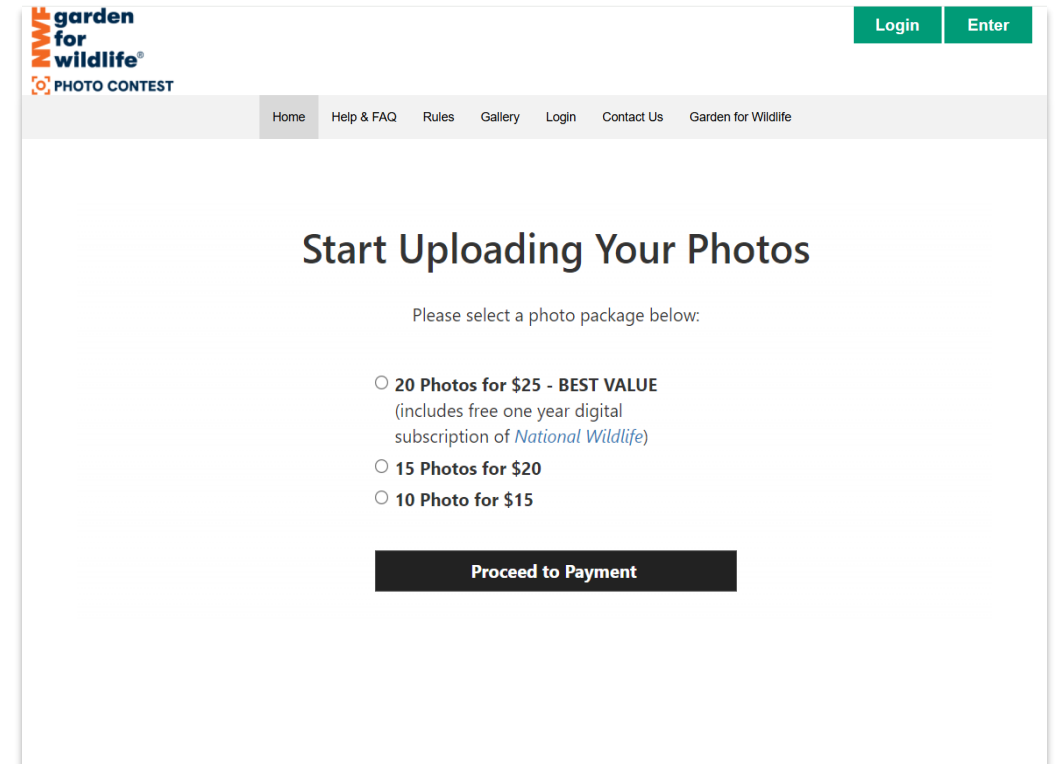
**The Youth Entrant selection is for individuals age 13-17. If you're filling out the form for a Youth Entrant, be sure to include the child's name and age in the "Youth" fields at the bottom*

After creating an account, you will receive an email to confirm your registration. If you do not receive this, please check your junk folder and/or ensure that you entered your email correctly.

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.

Note: Youth Entrants can enter for free! Only one photo package is available for youth accounts, but youth can “purchase” it multiple times to submit however many photos they would like. Use the discount code **GFWYOUTH** at the bottom of the checkout page. This code only works for youth accounts.



The screenshot shows the 'NWF garden for wildlife PHOTO CONTEST' website. At the top right are 'Login' and 'Enter' buttons. A navigation bar includes links for Home, Help & FAQ, Rules, Gallery, Login, Contact Us, and Garden for Wildlife. The main heading is 'Start Uploading Your Photos'. Below it, a prompt says 'Please select a photo package below:'. Three radio button options are listed: '20 Photos for \$25 - BEST VALUE (includes free one year digital subscription of *National Wildlife*)', '15 Photos for \$20', and '10 Photo for \$15'. A black 'Proceed to Payment' button is at the bottom.

NWF garden for wildlife PHOTO CONTEST

Login Enter

Home Help & FAQ Rules Gallery Login Contact Us Garden for Wildlife

Start Uploading Your Photos

Please select a photo package below:

- ☐ 20 Photos for \$25 - BEST VALUE
(includes free one year digital subscription of *National Wildlife*)
- ☐ 15 Photos for \$20
- ☐ 10 Photo for \$15

Proceed to Payment

Step 4: Enter Payment

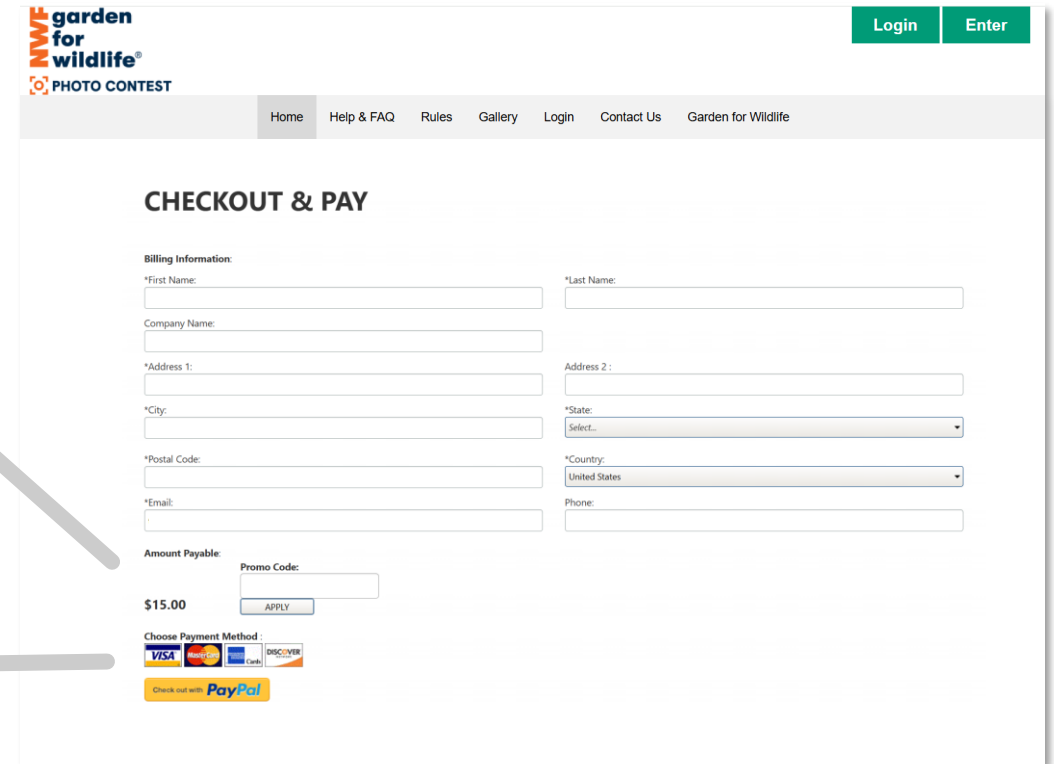
We recommend doing this step on a computer rather than a tablet or phone for the best experience.

PROMO CODE

If you have been provided a promo code for the Garden for Wildlife Photo Contest, enter it here. Youth entrants (age 13-17) can use the code GFWYOUTH to have their fees waived. This code only works for youth accounts and does not waive fees for general entrants.

PAYMENT METHOD

Select the image that correspond to the payment method you want to use. If an error occurs with your payment, please double check that you entered your card information correctly.



The screenshot shows the 'CHECKOUT & PAY' page of the NWF Garden for Wildlife Photo Contest. The page has a header with the NWF logo, 'garden for wildlife PHOTO CONTEST', and navigation links: Home, Help & FAQ, Rules, Gallery, Login, Contact Us, and Garden for Wildlife. There are 'Login' and 'Enter' buttons in the top right corner. The main form is titled 'CHECKOUT & PAY' and contains the following sections:

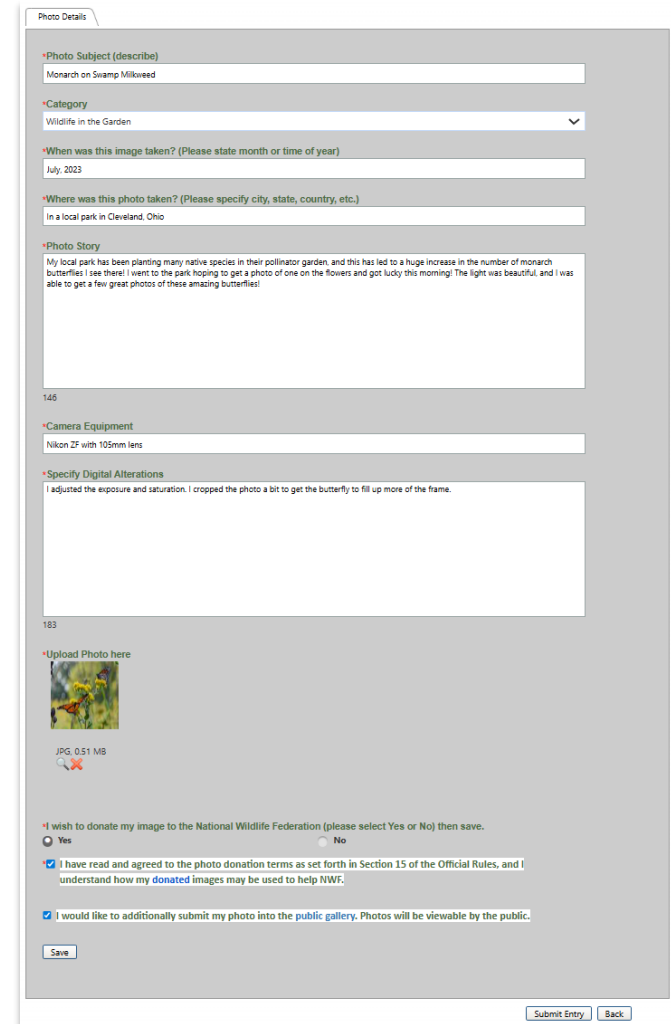
- Billing Information:** Fields for *First Name, *Last Name, Company Name, *Address 1, *Address 2, *City, *State (dropdown), *Postal Code, *Country (dropdown), *Email, and Phone.
- Amount Payable:** Displays '\$15.00' and includes a 'Promo Code' field with an 'APPLY' button.
- Choose Payment Method:** Shows logos for VISA, MasterCard, and DISCOVER. Below them is a 'Check out with PayPal' button.

You will receive an email to confirm your payment

Step 5: Fill Out the Photo Form

Once you finish step 4, the website will automatically start your first photo submission! You will need to fill out this photo form again for each photo you wish to submit to the contest. **We recommend doing this step on a computer rather than a tablet or phone for the best experience.**

The next couple of pages gives you detailed descriptions for each field on this form.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Photo Details" with the following fields and content:

- Photo Subject (describe):** A text box containing "Monarch on Swamp Milkweed".
- Category:** A dropdown menu with "Wildlife in the Garden" selected.
- When was this image taken? (Please state month or time of year):** A text box containing "July, 2023".
- Where was this photo taken? (Please specify city, state, country, etc.):** A text box containing "In a local park in Cleveland, Ohio".
- Photo Story:** A text box containing the story: "My local park has been planting many native species in their pollinator garden, and this has led to a huge increase in the number of monarch butterflies I see there! I went to the park hoping to get a photo of one on the flowers and got lucky this morning! The light was beautiful, and I was able to get a few great photos of these amazing butterflies!".
- Camera Equipment:** A text box containing "Nikon ZF with 105mm lens".
- Specify Digital Alterations:** A text box containing "I adjusted the exposure and saturation. I cropped the photo a bit to get the butterfly to fill up more of the frame.".
- Upload Photo here:** A small thumbnail image of a monarch butterfly on a flower, with text below it: "JPG, 0.51 MB".
- Donation Terms:** A section with three checkboxes:
 - ☐ 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.
 - ☒ I would like to additionally submit my photo into the [public gallery](#). Photos will be viewable by the public.
- Buttons:** A "Save" button at the bottom left, and "Submit Entry" and "Back" buttons at the bottom right.

PHOTO DESCRIPTION

This will serve as your photo's title. Please describe what the photo is of and any species in it.

CATEGORY

Select the category for your photo. Use your best judgement. [Learn more about the categories here.](#)

WHEN THIS IMAGE WAS TAKEN

Let us know the month and year the photo was taken.

WHERE THIS IMAGE WAS TAKEN

If in the United States, please specify the state the photo was taken in.

PHOTO STORY

Tell us about how you got this photo. You can share about the location, the species in the photo, and how you captured this image. Quotes from this section may be used if your photo is selected as a winner! Be accurate and descriptive, this cannot be changed after your photo is submitted.

Photo Details

*Photo Subject (describe)
Monarch on Swamp Milkweed

*Category
Wildlife in the Garden

*When was this image taken? (Please state month or time of year)
July, 2023

*Where was this photo taken? (Please specify city, state, country, etc.)
In a local park in Cleveland, Ohio

*Photo Story
My local park has been planting many native species in their pollinator garden, and this has led to a huge increase in the number of monarch butterflies I see there! I went to the park hoping to get a photo of one on the flowers and got lucky this morning! The light was beautiful, and I was able to get a few great photos of these amazing butterflies!

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CAMERA EQUIPMENT

The camera and lens you used to take this photo.

DIGITAL ALTERATIONS

Include a brief description of all edits you made to the photo. To see what digital alterations are allowed, please [see our rules](#).

UPLOAD PHOTO HERE

Click "Select" to select a photo file from your computer.

DONATE

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

SAVE

This button will save the information and photo but **will not submit it to the contest**. You can come back and edit the information later.

SUBMIT ENTRY

After your image is uploaded, clicking "Submit Entry" will officially **submit this photo to the contest**. After submitting your photo, you cannot make edits to this form.

*Camera Equipment

Nikon ZF with 105mm lens

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I adjusted the exposure and saturation. I cropped the photo a bit to get the butterfly to fill up more of the frame.

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JPG, 0.51 MB



*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.

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Submit Entry

Back

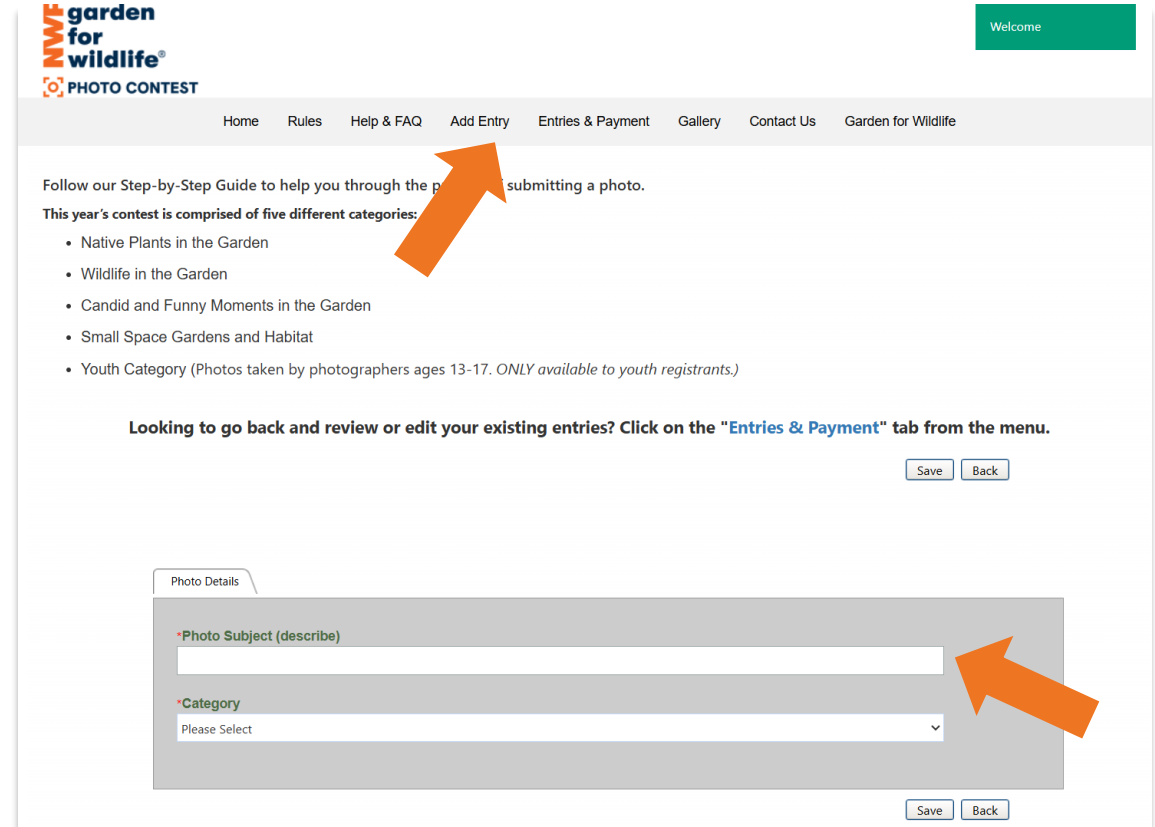
Step 6: Add More Photo Entries

You do not have to add all your photos in one sitting. You can log out and come back to it at any point before the contest closes.

To submit more photos, log in to your account and click on the “Add Entry” button to begin adding photos to your account. *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. Then simply [repeat step 5](#) for this photo.



The screenshot shows the NWF Garden for Wildlife Photo Contest website. The header includes the logo and navigation links: Home, Rules, Help & FAQ, Add Entry, Entries & Payment, Gallery, Contact Us, and Garden for Wildlife. A green 'Welcome' button is in the top right. The main content area says 'Follow our Step-by-Step Guide to help you through the process of submitting a photo.' and lists five contest categories: Native Plants in the Garden, Wildlife in the Garden, Candid and Funny Moments in the Garden, Small Space Gardens and Habitat, and Youth Category. An orange arrow points to the 'Add Entry' link in the navigation menu. Below the categories, a message says 'Looking to go back and review or edit your existing entries? Click on the "Entries & Payment" tab from the menu.' with 'Save' and 'Back' buttons. The 'Photo Details' form is shown with a 'Photo Subject (describe)' text field and a 'Category' dropdown menu. An orange arrow points to the 'Category' dropdown. At the bottom of the form are 'Save' and 'Back' buttons.

Step 7: See Your Entries

Entered images can be reviewed in the “Entries & Payment” page. On this page you can look at all your photos and make sure they have been officially submitted to the contest!

Check the Status of Your Images:

Accepted – Image(s) have been successfully submitted to the contest

Completed – Image(s) are uploaded, but not submitted to the contest

Incomplete – A required field has not been filled out in the photo form.

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Welcome

Home Rules Help & FAQ Add Entry **Entries & Payment** Gallery Contact Us Garden for Wildlife

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.

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

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	2	Turtle Example	Certified Wildlife Habitat Landscapes		Accepted		\$0.00	07/23/2021	
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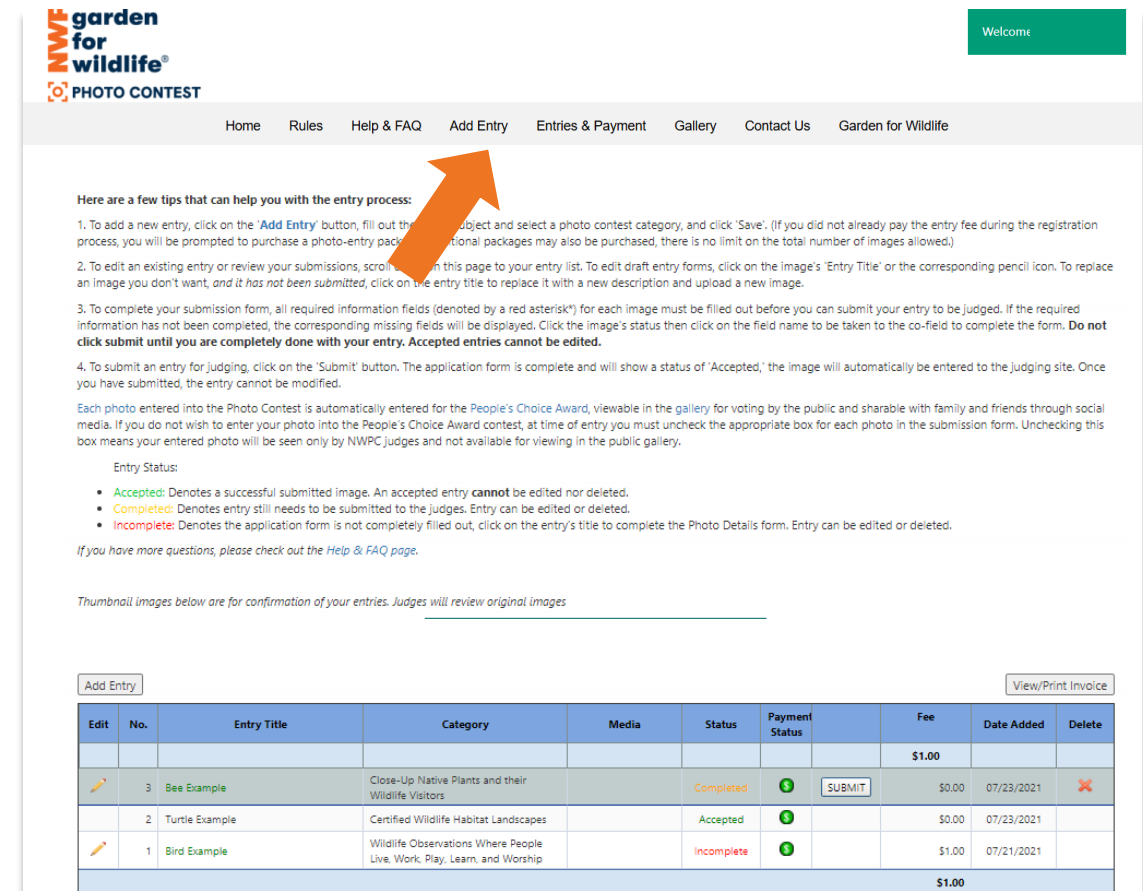
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Optional: Add Another Photo Package

If you use all the photo slots available with the photo package you purchased, you can purchase an additional photo package!

There is no limit on the number of photos you can submit to the contest.

To do this, login in and click “add entry”. From there, repeat [step 3](#).



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