



# Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge 2009 Amateur Photo Contest



Capture the essence of Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge on film! Share your images with others by entering the Refuge's 2nd Annual Amateur Photo Contest. Up to three entries per person may be submitted.

## *Entries should be submitted in these five categories:*

1. **Bird Life** - Photographs in which the main feature shown is a bird or birds at the Refuge.
2. **Other Wildlife** - Photographs of species other than birds would be featured in this category, including: mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects, etc.
3. **Plant Life** - These photographs should feature trees, shrubs, grasses or wildflowers.
4. **Scenic** - Scenic vistas and beautiful landscapes of the Refuge would be featured in these images.
5. **Creative Nature** - Get creative! Enhance your images using computer software or creative angles, camera settings, filters, etc. **Note:** This is the ONLY category where you may manipulate or modify your original image.
6. **Recreation/Education** - Show people enjoying the Refuge; bird watching, hunting, taking pictures, fishing or participating in one of our educational programs or activities.

## *Contest Rules and Requirements*

1. All entries must be photographs taken at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. Photos should be 5" x 7" and may be black and white or color. Images should be printed on glossy photo paper. They must not be matted or framed.
2. Please retain your negatives or discs. The Refuge may request digital copies for promotional use.
3. Cropping is allowed but any color modifications or adding any elements not existing in the original image will not be accepted. EXCEPTION: The "Creative Nature" category. See #5 above.
4. Complete the entry form found on the back of this poster, and affix it to the back side of your image. You may also write necessary information on the back of your image. For each photo the following information must be included on the back of the photo: Photographer's name, address, phone number, email, category entered, name of the photo and date the image was taken. Mail all entries to: Bear River Refuge Photo Contest, 2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City, UT 84302. You may also drop off entries at the Wildlife Education Center, located one block west of Interstate 15 at exit #363 (Forest Street) in Brigham City, Utah. The center is open 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday-Friday; 10:00am - 4:00pm Saturdays. The center is closed on all federal holidays.
5. **All entries must be received by August 31, 2009.**
6. All submitted prints will become the property of Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. The photographer grants unlimited use of submitted photographs by the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge and Friends of the Bear River Refuge for publications, displays, web pages, presentations and other promotional products. Credit will always be given to the photographer. The photographer retains the copyright to their photos. The Refuge may request digital copies.
7. Winners will be announced during National Wildlife Refuge Week in October.
8. Bear River Refuge staff and Friends of the Refuge Board Members are not eligible to enter.
9. Decisions made by Refuge staff coordinating the contest, along with the panel of judges, are final.



## **Prizes will be awarded in each of the six categories as follows:**

- 1st Place - Ribbon and \$25.00 Cash
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Ribbon and \$15.00 Gift Certificate to the Avocet Corner Bookstore
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Ribbon and \$10.00 Gift Certificate to the Avocet Corner Bookstore
- An overall **Best of Show** will be chosen and will receive a ribbon and \$50.00 cash

For more information, contact the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, 2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City, UT 84302, (435) 723-5887, or email: [bearriver@fws.gov](mailto:bearriver@fws.gov). This poster can also be found on the Refuge's website at: <http://bearriver.fws.gov>.

## **Sponsored by:**

**Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge**  
**Friends of the Bear River Refuge**

**Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge  
Amateur Photo Contest Entry Form - 2009**

Photographer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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ZIP

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Category entered: (circle one)      Bird Life      Other Wildlife  
Plant Life      Scenic      Creative Nature      Recreation/Education

Name of the Photo: \_\_\_\_\_

Date taken: \_\_\_\_\_

**All information on this form MUST be provided**