

Eagle Lake's Crazy about Birds Photo Contest

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Are you a photography enthusiast, bird lover or nature lover? Grab your camera and take a “SHOT” at your photo being displayed in our City Council Chamber! Eagle Lake’s Crazy about Birds Photo Contest is accepting entries for this year’s competition!

You can check out over 315 bird species that have been sighted in [#EagleLake](#) and surrounding areas. There are some amazing birding locations including Eagle Lake Veterans Memorial Park, the David-Wintermann Wildlife Area and the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge.

Registration Deadline: April 5, 2024. Contest Dates: April 15 – May 15, 2024. Photos must be submitted by Friday, May 17 and winners will be announced Friday, May 24.

For more information, please call City Hall at (979) 234-2640.

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Photo Contest Rules/Registration Form



Eagle Lake's Crazy about Birds Birding Photo Contest Rules / Registration Form

- You may submit up to five original photos to one of the three categories.
** Best Bird Portrait – Best Birds in Flight – Best Birds in their Habitat **
- Youth: You must be 13 to 17 years of age as of the date of submission and have the permission of your parent/guardian to enter the contest.
- Photos must be taken between April 15 – May 15, 2024.
- Normal processing of the original file is acceptable. That includes:
 - Cropping
 - Removal of dust spots
 - Moderate dodging and burning
 - Minor adjustments to color, white balance, lighting levels and curves, shadows and highlights, saturation, contrast, sharpness
- Photographs that have been digitally or otherwise altered beyond standard optimization will be disqualified.
- Photos submitted online MUST meet the following requirements: a) Be no larger than 35 megabytes; b) Be at least 3000 pixels wide (for horizontal photographs) or 3000 pixels tall (for vertical photographs); c) Be saved in RGB mode; and d) Be saved in the JPG (at high quality) or GIF format. File sizes must be less than 10MB per image. Images should be in natural color.
- If prints are submitted, they MUST be at least 5 x 7 inches but no larger than 8 x 10 inches. Digital files of photographs saved onto CDs, DVDs, or any other media will not be accepted by mail.
- All photographs should be submitted by May 17, 2024 using the Entry Form provided with the Photo Contest Rules/Registration Form. Images submitted through any other method will not be considered as entries.
- The same photographs cannot be entered in more than one category.
- The photos must have the following information written on the back or otherwise attached: Your first and last name, mailing address, email address, bird species' name and be numbered.
- No entrant may win more than one prize. Winners will be announced on Friday, May 24, 2024.
- You represent that you are the sole and exclusive author and owner of the photograph therein; and you have the full authority to submit the photograph(s).
- You will be required to provide the City of Eagle Lake with original image files (RAW, jpg, etc.) in the timeframe provided upon request (generally within 7 days).
- *All photos must depict birdlife (i.e., contain at least one bird or bird part). No photos of birds baited with vertebrates, dead, alive, or replicated are permitted.*

Signature: _____ Date _____





Eagle Lake's Crazy about Birds Photo Contest Entry Form



First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

- ☐ **Best Bird Portrait:** Capturing character images of the subject bird with lots of details.
- ☐ **Best Birds in Flight:** Using imaginative motion or freezing the action, as long as birds are in flight.
- ☐ **Best Birds in their Habitat:** Focuses on photos that show the connection between birds and their environment.

Must submit your high-resolution photo by Friday, May 17, 2024 along with title and 40-word description of subject, background of what the image is of, and how it was taken.

~~ The City of Eagle Lake retains the rights to all photos entered ~~

Signature: _____ Date _____



Submit your information to:

P.O. Box 38, Eagle Lake, TX 77434 (979) 234-2640