

## Wild Wonders of Europe Photo Competition Rules

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### **Please note:**

**The 2010/11 competition starts on August 1 2010!**

**DEADLINE:** Closing deadline for submissions is the last day of each month.

**ENTRY** to the competition is FREE. Entrants do not have to be residents of Europe. An eligible entrant must be an individual and agree to abide by these terms and conditions.

### **PHOTO SUBMISSIONS**

Each entrant can submit up to five photographs per category per month. The photograph must be uploaded onto [Wild Wonders](#). Any photograph submitted must be the entrant's own work. The photo must be either a digital photograph or a high-quality scan.

**THEME** of the competition is a celebration of Europe's natural heritage.

**SUBJECT:** Photographs must be of European nature - wildlife, plants, landscapes and details, man & nature, man's impact on nature (positive or negative). The photographs must have been taken within the geographical boundaries of Europe. ([click here for a list of eligible countries](#)) - **please check this list.**

### **AGE GROUPS**

- **Adults (18 years and older)**
- **Young Crew (17 years and under) - entrants must have the permission of a parent or guardian**

### **CATEGORIES**

**There is only one category:**

#### **European Wild Wonders**

Photographs of European nature - wildlife, plants, landscapes and details, man & nature, man's impact on nature (positive or negative).  
Photographs must be photographed in the wild of non-captive wild beings and not digitally manipulated at all. Digitally manipulated photographs will be automatically disqualified.

**Very important:**

**Do not include your name in the picture (i.e. in the frame or in the picture itself) or in the caption or title for the image.**

**These images will not be eligible for the voting!**

### **CONSENT & COPYRIGHT**

The entrant must be the sole author and owner of the copyright. By entering your photograph into the competition, you grant to Wild Wonders the non-commercial non-exclusive right to use your images for promotion of the WILD WONDERS online photo competition and for promotion of the WILD WONDERS OF EUROPE project in any media. Should WILD WONDERS want to use awarded images for commercial publications, this will only be done with prior written consent by the photographer and for a reproduction fee. The photographer will be credited whenever possible. Entrants must not infringe on the privacy rights, copyright or other rights of any person.

## DIGITAL CRITERIA

- Uploaded Photos must be a minimum 1024 px longest side at 72 dpi
- Uploaded Photos must be saved in RGB/sRGB colour gamut/mode
- Uploaded Photos must be saved as JPEG, no less than compression 7 (medium)
- Files for upload must be no larger than 1 MB
- Original files (camera jpeg (not interpolated) or camera RAW if available) of winning photographs need to be sent to Wild Wonders for entrance into the Grand Finale Wild Wonders competition and for best possible reproduction. You will be notified accordingly.

### DIGITAL RESTRICTIONS – “EUROPEAN WILD WONDERS” Category

Digital adjustments are only acceptable if limited to minor cleaning work (de-dusting), levels, curves, colour, saturation and contrast work.

The faithful representation of what you saw at the time of the shot being taken must be maintained. Cropping is allowed. Sandwich shots, double exposures and photographs which consist in any way of more than one separate photograph are not eligible in this category (e.g. HDR).

**Please be fair ! Wild Wonders can ask for the original files in case of doubt concerning manipulation.**

## JUDGING

Photographs are pre-selected by a panel of 2 Wild Wonders nominated judges. These photographs will then be subject to an online web cast vote with the monthly winner being the entrant whose photograph obtained the most votes.

**FINAL JUDGING** If your photograph reaches the final stage of judging (all monthly winners) for the Grand Finale, you will be asked to supply the original photograph in high resolution or slide format for best possible reproduction.

**WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP** will be notified by email and displayed on the competition page. Each monthly winner goes into the draw for the GRAND FINALE photo competition in September 2011.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Where necessary relevant permits to comply with national or international legislation (e.g. in the case of protected species) must accompany photographs. For example, it is illegal to photograph some British birds at the nest.

**OUR RIGHTS** Wild Wonders reserves the right to exclude entrants and withhold prizes for violating any of these terms and conditions. Should the quality of entries fall below the standard required we reserve the right not to award prizes. Wild Wonders reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions.

**INDEMNITY** Wild Wonders is not responsible for failure of receipt, loss or damage of any photographs entered in the competition. Entrants indemnify Wild Wonders and their sponsors of any responsibility in respect to damage and loss to entrant's belongings; death or injury as a result of the competition.

The judge's decision is final and prizes can't be exchanged.