**2021 WILDLIFE ENTRY CATEGORIES BY DIVISION**

Listed are entry categories and examples of what might be in each category. Examples do not exclude other members of each category and do not necessarily represent biological classes. Please email the Wildlife in Focus office with any questions at info@wildlifeinfocus.org. Decisions made by the Rules Committee and the WIF Board of Directors are final.

**FIVE DIVISIONS - 45 TOTAL CATEGORIES:**

**A. Birds**

**B. Mammals**

**C. Invertebrates**

**D. Reptiles and Amphibians**

**E. Special**

**BIRDS DIVISION** - 14 Categories

**A01 Birds of Prey I**: Kites, Eagles, Hawks, Kestrels, Harriers, Falcons Caracaras, Owls and Vultures, etc.

**A02 Wading Birds I**: Herons, Bitterns, and Egrets (Including Cattle Egrets), Storks, Ibis, Spoonbills, Cranes (Including Whooping Cranes), etc.

**A03 Waterfowl:** Geese, Ducks, Swans

Gallinules and Moorhens etc.

**A04 Gallinules, Rails, Grebes etc.**

**A05 Shorebirds:** Stilts and Avocets, Oystercatchers, Plovers, Phalaropes, Sandpipers, Dowitchers, Snipes,

Killdeer, Yellowlegs, etc.

**A06 Orioles, Tanagers, and Thrushes**: Meadowlarks, Robins, Bluebirds

**A07 Flycatchers and Kingbirds:** Kiskadee, Phoebes, and Pewees

**A07 Jays, Kingfishers and Crows**

**A08 Cuckoos and Woodpeckers:** Roadrunners, Anis

**A09 Hummingbirds**

**A10 Turkey, Doves, Quail and Prairie Chickens**

**A11 Mockingbirds, Thrashers and Shrikes:** Wrens, Catbirds

**A12 Buntings and Grosbeaks**

**A13 Cardinals and Waxwings:** Pyrrhuloxias

**A14 All Other Birds:** Warblers (Including: Parulas, Yellowthroats, Redstarts, Ovenbird and

Waterthrush), Vireos, Kinglets, Chickadees, Finches (Including: Dickcissel), Pipits,

Titmice, Chats and Gnatcatchers, Loons, Nuthatches, Pelicans, Anhingas, Cormorants, Gulls, Skimmers, Terns, Blackbirds, Grackles. Sparrows, Towhees

**B. MAMMALS DIVISION** - 7 Categories

**B01 Deer**

**B02 Rodents:** Squirrels, Beaver, Mice, Rats, Nutria, etc.

**B03 Rabbits and Hares**

**B04 Wild Cats**

**B05 Coyote and Fox**

**B06 Raccoon, Coati, Ringtails and Mustelids**: Badgers, Skunks, Weasels, etc.

**B07 All other Mammals**: Armadillos, Javelina, Wild Exotics, Bats, Opossum, Feral Hogs, etc. (NO DOMESTIC ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED.)

**C. INVERTEBRATES DIVISION** - 5 Categories

**C01 Caterpillars, Butterflies and Moths**

**C02 Arachnids**: Spiders, Scorpions, Ticks, Mites, etc.

**C03 Bees, Wasps and Ants**

**C04 Dragonflies and Damselflies**

**C05 All Other Insects, Arthropods and Snails:** Flies, Beetles, Grasshoppers, Walkingsticks, Mantids, Cicadas, Crickets, Katydids, Stink Bugs, Aphids, Snails, Centipedes, Millipedes, Crayfish, Land Crabs, etc.

**D. REPTILES and AMPHIBIANS DIVISION** - 4 Categories

**D01 Turtles and Tortoises**

**D02 Frogs and Toads**

**D03 Snakes,** **Lizards and Skinks**: Coral snakes, Rattlesnakes, Cat-eye Snakes, Black-striped Snakes, Mexican Hognose Snakes, Spiny Lizards, Anoles, Horned Toads, etc.

**D04 All Other Reptiles and Amphibians**: Alligators, Salamanders, Newts, Siren, etc.

**E. SPECIAL DIVISION** - 15 Categories **- (Image Stitching, High Dynamic Range, and Focus Stacking are allowed for all the Categories in this Division only- Submission should include the representative RAW file or files)**

**E01 Action**

**E02 Camouflage/Mimicry**

**E03 Patterns in Nature-Artistic/Abstract \***

**E04 Native Plants/Wildflowers\***

**E05 Landscape\***

**E06 Weather-Seasonal, Thunderstorms, Rainbows\***

**E07 Wetlands/Water Scene\***

**E08 Sunrise/Sunset \***

**E09 Night Photography/\***

**E10 Full Frame\* -** Photos submitted in this may be a capture of any subject that represents nature. Photos may be processed as allowed in these rules except for a “no-cropping” constraint. Photos in this category may not be cropped at all and must fully represent the complete RAW image as captured

**E11 “35-50’’\* -** Images submitted in this category must be captured inclusively at focal lengths of 35mm - 50mm.

**E12 Depth of Field\* -** Images submitted in is category should represent creative use of depth-of-field as a tool in creating unusual perspectives.

**E13 Serenity/Peace\* -** Images submitted in this category should impart a sense or feeling of the calm, peace and serenity found in nature.

**E14 Land Operations \* -** This category is meant to capture realistic farm, ranch, and research activities which may or may not include livestock and/or people.

A signed model release form (Attachment E) is required from each person identifiable in the photographs.

**E15 Any Subject May Fall in this Category\***

**\* Wildlife need not be present in photographs submitted for (\*) marked categories only!**