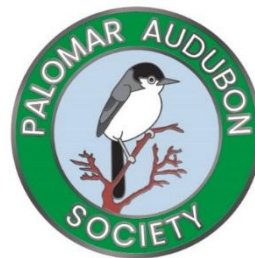


# 2025 Palomar Audubon Photography Contest

We invite all PAS members, ages 12 and older, to participate in our 2025 PAS Photography contest.



**Eligibility:** Photographs submitted are to be from the calendar year of 2025 and must have been taken in San Diego County. To be considered for the competition, photos must depict birdlife (e.g. contain at least one bird or bird part) and accurately reflect the subject matter as it appeared in the viewfinder. Photographs taken with a camera, or mobile phone or captured by digiscoping are allowed.

## Who may enter:

The PAS 2025 contest is open to all PAS members who are 12 years of age or older as of the date of submission. We will accept **one photo submission** no later than 11:59 PM PST, July 31, 2025.

## Entry deadline:

Entries are to be submitted by 11:59 PM PST, July 31, 2025.

## Photographic Image Guidelines:

- ☼ Photos must have been taken by the individual credited as the photographer in the submission.
- ☼ AI-generated images are not eligible.
- ☼ Photographs must depict birdlife. Images may include full birds or close-ups/part of a bird; environmental shots with at least one bird in the photo are permissible.
- ☼ Photos submitted are to be from the calendar year of 2025 and taken somewhere in San Diego County.
- ☼ Photographs taken with a camera, or mobile phone or captured by digiscoping are allowed.
- ☼ The addition and subtraction of objects within the photo is not permitted.
- ☼ Cropped photos are eligible.
- ☼ Minor adjustments, including removal of sensor dust or scratches, dodging and burning, sharpening, shadow/highlight alterations, contrast, tone curve, slight color adjustment and conversion to grayscale are acceptable.
- ☼ You will be required to provide PAS with original image files (RAW, jpg, etc.) in the timeframe provided upon request (generally within 7 days). Judges will determine whether changes to an image are significant enough to disqualify an entry. Photographs that have been digitally or otherwise altered beyond standard optimization will be disqualified.

## Submission:

Please email a your photo with the following **File specifications:** They should be in JPG/JPEG format. They should be at least 2,000 pixels long (roughly 7 inches) and saved at a minimum of 300 dpi. The file size should be at least 1MB and not exceed 10MB. to [palomaraudubon@gmail.com](mailto:palomaraudubon@gmail.com). Please include a **title** of your photo, **location** of photo, **date** of photo, and the **camera** used to take the photo. If your photo is selected as a finalist, you may be asked for the original image file. By submitting a photo, you are acknowledging the rules of the contest.

## Judging:

Judging will be conducted by photography experts to be appointed by PAS. Judges will score eligible Photographs using the following criteria: Technical Quality, Originality, and Artistic Merit.

## Prizes:

First Place-\$100.00; Second Place—\$75.00; Third Place —\$50.00; Fourth Place—\$25.00