



Orange Audubon Society's 2012 (24th Annual) Kit and Sidney Chertok Florida Nature Photography Contest



CONTEST OBJECTIVES: To promote interest and concern for preserving the native fauna and flora of Florida, and to encourage nature photography and enjoyment and appreciation of our natural wonders. Audubon is concerned with conservation and education about all wildlife and wild environments. *Orange Audubon Society's (OAS) mission, like the contest objectives, seeks to foster interest in all of Florida's wildlife and natural areas.*

CONTEST THEME: Florida's Native Nature - Photograph the amazing native animals, plants, landscapes and habitats of Florida. Help to raise awareness to protect Florida's biological diversity.

TWO CONTEST CATEGORIES: **Amateur** - For new and less experienced photo hobbyists

Advanced - For experienced photographers who have practiced and honed their skills over time (see www.orangeaudubonfl.org for further category clarification).

OAS board members and Chertok committee members are ineligible to enter.

Note: Only people 17 years of age or younger may enter the 'Youth' competition [see below].

ENTRY FEE: **\$8 per image**—Non-Audubon members; **\$5 per image**—Audubon members or non-members who join by submitting contest entry form concurrently with new member application form found on 2nd page.

CONTEST DEADLINE: May 17, 2012 (received by date); April 19 (received by date for OPTIONAL pre-screening [see page 2])

AWARDS FOR EACH CATEGORY: **1st place** - \$200 cash + \$100 gift card from Colonial Photo & Hobby + ribbon

2nd place - \$100 cash + \$50 gift card from Colonial Photo & Hobby + ribbon

3rd place - \$50 cash + \$25 gift card from Colonial Photo & Hobby + ribbon

Honorable mentions - ribbons only; awarded at judges' discretion.



Orlando, Florida

CONTEST RULES: (1) Images must depict Florida's native animals or plants, natural landscapes, seascapes, etc. (2) Images cannot show humans, human-made structures or artifacts, or discernable fauna and/or flora that are not native to Florida. (3) Images must not be excessively manipulated and must conform to "truth in Nature" standards. (4) A total of five images may be entered. (5) Image file names must include numbers (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) to correspond with the numbers on the application form below; but numbers, dates, borders, copyright symbols, etc. cannot be part of the actual images. (6) Two digital x.jpg images must be submitted for each photo—one low resolution (file size of about 1 MB in size) for projection and one high resolution for printing. (7) Files must be submitted on a CD that is readable by PC-based applications and labeled with your name and address. (8) All images must be the original work of the person entering the contest. (9) Each person (or guardian, if 17 or younger) submitting entries must sign the entry form to acknowledge acceptance of all entry rules. (See **Additional Rules and Information** section on 2nd page of this form. **Visit www.orangeaudubonfl.org for additional forms for this and 'Youth' contest.**)

2012 Chertok Nature Photography Contest Entry Form (please print legibly)

I would like to join Orange Audubon Society. See other side of this form for membership application.)

Name _____ Phone _____

Street or PO Box _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Already an Audubon member? (check box) Yes No If yes, chapter name & location _____

Number of images entered ____ (maximum of 5) Check made out to Orange Audubon Society for \$ _____

Which category are you entering (check only one)? **Amateur** **Advanced**

Mail* to: CNPC - Attn: T. Williams **Entrant's or guardian's signature (required)** _____

2320 Forrest Road Image file names include numbers as listed below?

Winter Park, FL 32789-6029 Check enclosed and made out to Orange Audubon Society?

Entry number	Title and name of animal(s), plant(s), mineral(s), etc.	Location where photographed
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____

*No hand deliveries except directly to a Chertok committee member at OAS' April and May Program meetings.

JUDGING: Entries will be screened to assure that they meet eligibility criteria. A panel of three independent judges including a photographer, an artist and a naturalist will determine award recipients from qualified entries.

PRE-SCREENING: As a courtesy, entries received by April 19, 2012 will be screened for compliance with contest rules and entrants will be notified soon thereafter of any disqualified entries. Disqualified entries may be replaced at no additional cost, but replacements must meet all other contest rules/requirements and be received by May 17, 2012.

ANNOUNCING WINNERS: Winners will be announced during Orange Audubon Society's (OAS) program on June 21, 2012, which includes a silent auction starting at 6:30 PM followed at 7:00 PM by the photo contest image show of as many of the eligible entries as time permits. Winners will be announced during the show, but contestants need not be present to receive their awards. Participants are invited to join us that evening or visit the Orange Audubon Society website (www.orangeaudubonfl.org) afterwards to see the winning photos.

ADDITIONAL RULES AND INFORMATION: OAS cannot be responsible for damage or loss of entries and CDs will not be returned. Any entry may be used for any educational or promotional purpose, including but not limited to Audubon publications, consistent with the stated mission of OAS and the objectives of this contest. To encourage nature photography and enhance recognition of the contest, Colonial Photo & Hobby may also display enlarged prints of selected entries within its retail premises. Any use of entries will credit the featured photographers who retain ownership of their images. **Please note that your prints, negatives and slides (transparencies) can be converted to digital images for entering this contest.**



Mr. and Mrs. Sidney L. Chertok moved to Orlando in 1985. **Mr. Sidney Chertok** was director of information services and director of advertising and sales promotion for Sprague Electric Company and held a degree in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He received several patents for electronics devices and numerous awards for his exhibits at trade shows. Mr. Chertok was an experienced reporter and photographer, and the first newsman allowed in Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Dream Cottage. Nature photography was of particular interest to Mr. Chertok, who for 34 years edited a photograph-filled engagement calendar featuring images solicited by competition. **Mrs. Kit Chertok** was instrumental in establishing this photo contest, in her husband's memory, to encourage others to carry on this tradition of nature photography. Kit served as an Orange Audubon board member during the 1990s, prior to her death in 2003.

Orange Audubon Society MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION for NEW members

Your membership supports critical conservation issues and educational initiatives on the local, state and national levels and includes membership in Orange and National and Florida Audubon Societies. Your membership entitles you to receive our chapter newsletter (the *OASis*), plus *Audubon* and *The Florida Naturalist* magazines.

INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP RATE — \$20 (\$15 students)

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____ Hard code to: **C2ZE270Z**

Make check payable to National Audubon Society and **mail to Orange Audubon Society**—please send it with your contest entry. This offer is for **NEW** memberships only. **This form is NOT for renewals.**

- By checking this box, I (we) would prefer to receive my (our) OAS newsletter electronically, when available.
 By checking this box, I (we) request that *Audubon* not share my (our) information with other mailing lists.