

Arctic Ocean Photo Contest March 22 – April 7, 2017

Audubon Alaska is accepting submissions for the **Arctic Ocean Photo Contest!**

We are looking for photos to use in our upcoming [*Ecological Atlas of the Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort Seas*](#), due out in July 2017.

Please submit photos of Arctic seascapes, coastal scenes, sea ice, sea life, and subsistence and other human uses of the Arctic marine environment.

Submissions should be high resolution .tiff or .jpeg files (300+dpi) and sent by email to egustafson@audubon.org by 11:59:59pm on April 7, 2017.

Prizes!

All participants will receive a “participation prize” of an Audubon Alaska Bird of the Year sticker, as well as a link to download a free PDF of the *Ecological Atlas of the Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort Seas* when it becomes available.

Additional prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place, as well as for an honorable mention.

Winners will be contacted and confirmed by email and/or telephone on or about April 21, 2017.

First Place Prize: A poster featuring over 740 Birds of North America (size: 39" x 27") AND an Audubon Alaska ball cap!



Second Place Prize: An UMBRELLA featuring a map of the Arctic Ocean AND an Audubon Alaska ball cap!



Third Place Prize: A copy of *Guide to the Birds of Alaska* by Bob Armstrong AND an Audubon Alaska ball cap!

Honorable Mention Prize: An Audubon Alaska ball cap!

Judging

Judging will be conducted by a panel of Audubon Alaska staff and Board members. Judges will score eligible Photographs using the following criteria: Artistic merit and creativity (40%); Quality of composition (30%); Relevance to the theme and usefulness to the production of the *Ecological Atlas of the Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort Seas* (30%)

Official Rules

By submitting a photograph, you are agreeing to these Official Rules:

- Audubon Alaska reserves rights to publish, print, reproduce, and use photographs for any educational or promotional purpose. This includes our print publications (print newsletters, solicitations, flyers, brochures, atlases and other scientific publications), online publications (website, social media sites, Flickr, e-newsletters, graphics, advertisements) and in displays and exhibitions, while giving credit to the photographer.
- Entrants agree that Audubon Alaska has the right to publish photo entries without compensation for reproduction.
- Photographs that have been previously published, accepted for publication, or are under consideration by other publications, are NOT eligible.
- Photographers retain all rights to their photographs.
- You must be the sole and exclusive author and owner of the photograph(s) you are submitting.
- You may submit as many photographs to the contest as you would like.
- You must include a signed entry form with your submission.
- Persons identifiable in the photograph must also sign the entry form.
- This contest is open to all legal residents of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia who are 13 years of age or older as of March 22, 2017.
- Employees of Audubon Alaska, the National Audubon Society, its officers, directors of its national, state, and center boards, and their immediate families or those living in the same household, are not eligible to participate.
- To be eligible to win a prize, all submitted photographs must accurately reflect the subject matter as it appeared in the viewfinder. Photographs that have been digitally or otherwise altered will be disqualified. Standard optimization is fine (e.g. cropping, fixing contrast, etc.).
- Audubon Alaska has the right in their sole discretion to disqualify any photograph at any time. The decision by Audubon Alaska to disqualify any submission is final.
- Audubon encourages every photographer to practice responsible photography. We encourage you to read Audubon's Guide to Ethical Bird Photography for guidelines: <http://www.audubon.org/get-outside/audubons-guide-ethical-bird-photography>. A photograph that appears to be in violation of these guidelines is not eligible for submission.
- You represent and warrant that: a) You have the full and exclusive right, power, and authority to submit the photograph and to grant Audubon Alaska the rights granted herein, including a worldwide copyright license, upon the terms and conditions set herein; b) No rights in the photograph have been previously granted to any person, firm, corporation or other entity, or otherwise encumbered such that the prior grant would limit or interfere with the rights granted to Audubon Alaska herein; and c) No part of your photograph defames or invades the privacy or publicity rights of any person, living or deceased, or otherwise infringes upon any third party's copyright, trademark or other personal or property rights.

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- You acknowledge that: a) Audubon Alaska may themselves create other artwork, receive submissions from other entrants for this contest, or receive photographs from third parties in connection with Audubon Alaska's customary business that are similar or identical to your photograph in theme, idea, format or other respects. You waive any and all claims you may have now or may have in the future that your photographs are substantially similar in theme, idea or format to any photographs or other artwork in Audubon Alaska's possession; and, b) Audubon Alaska has the right, unless prohibited under law, to use your photos and your name without compensation, notification or approval, for the purpose of advertising and publicizing Audubon Alaska's goods and services and publicizing the contest, in any manner or medium, now or hereafter known, worldwide and in perpetuity.
- If any photograph in your submission contains any material or elements not owned by you, or which are subject to the rights of third parties, you are responsible, prior to submitting the photograph, for obtaining any and all releases necessary to permit the use and exhibition of the photograph in all the manners contemplated by these Official Rules. You may be required to provide proof of these permissions in a form acceptable to Audubon Alaska, and if you fail to provide such proof within seven days of request by Audubon Alaska, your photograph will be disqualified.
- You irrevocably grant Audubon Alaska a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual license to use the Photograph in any manner, including all associated use, reproduction, distribution, sublicense, derivative works, and commercial and non-commercial exploitation rights in any and all media now known or hereafter invented, including, but not limited to: Audubon Alaska's websites and social media accounts, any Audubon Alaska slideshows, brochures, newsletters, e-newsletters, articles, reports, calendars, publications, solicitations, advertisements, atlases, papers, and physical and digital galleries and exhibitions. You may be required to execute any documents necessary to perfect such rights.
- You hereby release Audubon Alaska, its parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates and divisions, and their respective directors, officers, employees, and agents from any and all liability, loss or damage arising from or in connection with your participation or attempt to participate in the contest, and/or the awarding, receipt, use or misuse of a prize or participation in any prize-related activities; from claims based on publicity rights, defamation or invasion of privacy; and from claims based on the infringement of or protection of the copyright in your submission.
- You agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Audubon Alaska against any claims by any third party related to a breach of any of these General Conditions, including, but not limited to, a claim of ownership of any copyright, trademark, or any personal or property rights, libel, defamation, or invasion of privacy or right of publicity.