

# 23e festival de l'Oiseau et de la Nature

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## INTERNATIONAL WILDBIRD PHOTO COMPETITION

Registration online from September 1 to November 30, 2012 at midnight



Expositions, stages et concours photo,  
salon du matériel, sorties nature...

# RULES

## ORGANIZATION

Within the framework of the 23rd Bird and Nature Festival, which will be held from April 20 to 28, 2013, an international wildbird photo competition is organized.

This competition is open to everybody, amateur and professional photographers, aged 18 or over of whatever nationality. The Festival's team and the jury members are not allowed to join in.

## 2013 CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION

6 categories are defined :

**A : Garden Birds** : pictures showing artefacts such as seed-feeders or fat-balls won't be accepted.

**B : Bird and cold** : cold can be translated under various form : snow, ice, frost, fog...

**C : Bird in move** : the jury will appreciate dynamism and energy of the photo

**D : Bird in wildscape** : bird is the main subject of the photo but wildscape, biotope or environment are dominant

**E : Artistic vision of bird** : black and white accepted

**NEW : F : Digiscoping** : photo taken with a digital camera (compact or reflex) through a spotting scope

**Won't be accepted** : Photos of captive birds, pets, trained animals or of farm, images taken at the nest or using bait and previous Bird and Nature winning photographs.

**A maximum of 10 photographs can be entered by each entrant (either in the same or several categories). A photograph can only compete in one category.**

The jury are looking for original and unpublished photographs. They will prefer images which have not already been awarded in any other competition.

## ONLINE ENTRY

**To enter, you must have a valid e-mail address and register on [www.festival-oiseau-nature.com](http://www.festival-oiseau-nature.com) - Section Photo Competition between September 1st and December 1st, 2012.**

Then, you will receive a confirmation by e-mail confirmation which will allow you to upload your photographs.

Any other kind of participation is prohibited. Last year entrants may connect with the account created in 2011

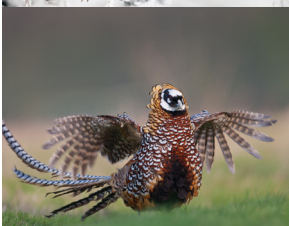
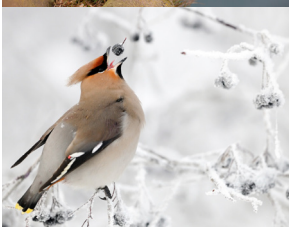
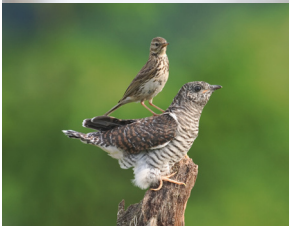
**Registration fee : 2 €/ photograph (max 10).** Payment must be made online with a credit or debit card or by Paypal.

### Competition procedure :

Photos must have been taken by a digital camera or scanned from a slide.

They must be submitted in JPEG format and 3:2 ratio. The image must be uploaded in the size adapted for a printing of 20 x 30 cm, that is 3500 pixels on the longest dimension.

An uploaded image can be modified, deleted or replaced and the information accompanying them until you have validated your participation and proceeded to regulation of registration fees.



The picture should be true to the original view. Reframing is only accepted within the limits of 20% of the photo surface. The modification must limit itself only to the cleaning of dusts and to the global improvement of the picture (balance of whites, color level, brightness and contrast...). No partial treatment. Emphasis and increase of the saturation have to remain moderate.

## ENTRY DEADLINE

The photographs must be submitted on line before **December 1st ,2012 at midnight**. To avoid technical problems, we deeply recommend you not to wait until the last minute.

## JURY

### THE PRESELECTION

The preselection will be made in December 2012 by the Festival team, photographers, ornithologists and naturalists.

The Jury will proceed in accordance with the rules of anonymity to the selection of the best photos in each category which will be presented to the Final Jury. Photographers will be informed of their selection by e-mail.

The pre-selection jury reserve the right to change the category of a picture in the interest of the author.

### THE FINAL JURY

The final jury consisting of photographers, naturalists, bird watchers and representatives of the partners of the Festival will be held in January 2013 to decide the winners, photographs exhibited during the Festival thus eligible for the Public Prize and photographs submitted to the net surfers' votes on the site [www.festival-oiseau-nature.com](http://www.festival-oiseau-nature.com).

The winners will be notified by e-mail and invited to send **within 3 weeks** by post a CD/DVD with TIFF (8-bit) or JPEG high resolution (minimum 8 millions pixels) at 300 dpi, and RAW or original files.

The decision of the jury to award a prize will only be definitive by sending these files. The prize will be cancelled if we receive an original not matching to the rules or to the sent photo.

**The Jury's decisions are final.** They reserve the right to change the prizes list based on the quality of the works in competition.

## PRIZES AND AWARD CEREMONY

The winners will be notified of the results. The Audience Award will be awarded at the end of the event. Prizes cannot be the object of a counterpart in cash nor of whatever nature and are not transferable.

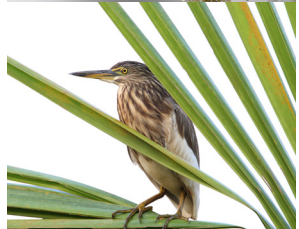
### PRIZES

**A Grand Prix to the overall winner** awarded with a sum of € 1 500.

**A First Prize in each category** awarded with a sum of € 800.

**A Public Prize** awarded to the picture which has totalized the more votes from the visitors of the exhibition endowed by the Festival's partners.

**An Internet Prize** awarded to the picture which has totalized the more votes from the users of our website endowed by the Festival's partners.



Each winner will be invited to the Award Ceremony on April 27th 2013. The Festival will offer for 2 people : one night in a hotel room / a first class return train ticket : Paris - Abbeville- Paris or the equivalent in cash, a meal with the other nominated entrants (directors, producers and photographers). If you let us know of your arrival time at the Abbeville railway station, we will be happy to pick you up. On Saturday, we will offer you a tour at the ornithological Park of Marquenterre or of the area. A hostess will welcome you at the Festival office and will give you the program of the Festival and other materials.

## EXHIBITIONS

By entering the competition, the author of the winning and selected photos grants the right to the Festival to print out his/her picture(s) for the exhibition held from April 20th to 28th, 2013, during the 23rd Bird and Nature Festival.

The awarded photographs and some fifty others will constitute an itinerant non-profit exhibition to promote the Festival.

## COPYRIGHT AND REPRODUCTION

The images are original works created by participants and they should not violate the rights of any other party.

Each participant will be the owner of copyright in order to present the image in the contest.

Copyright attached to all images will remain with the copyright holder who will be credited in accordance with the rules (© photographer's name).

All winners and selected photographers allow the Festival to use their name and photograph without profit through the promoting, advertising and any communication related to the competition, exhibition or the event as a whole without receiving additional compensation. They allow our partner Chasseur d'Images to reproduce their photograph in order to achieve a portfolio that will be distributed free on all sites during the event, in magazines and paperback Nat'Images and Chasseur d'Images.

The Festival will not make other use of the work without prior consent of the author.

## ETHICS

Any participant guarantees that the images they submit have been conducted in full compliance with laws related to the preservation of wildlife.

## RESPONSABILITY

This contest is a competition and not a lottery business, the participation fee will not be refunded.

The competition entry being processed through internet, it implies knowledge and acceptance of the limits of the Internet, especially regarding technical performance, highly variable flows, the loading time, lack of protection of certain data against misuse and risk of contamination by viruses circulating on the network. Consequently, the Festival cannot be held liable.

## PROVISION OF THE RULES

This Regulation shall be filed with the lawyer Mr CARTON in Abbeville and was controlled by Ms Meyrand, lawyer in PARIS specialized in audio-visual rights. It is also searchable online at [www.festival-oiseau-nature.com](http://www.festival-oiseau-nature.com).

**For more information, thank you for writing at the following address:**

[photo@festival-oiseau-nature.com](mailto:photo@festival-oiseau-nature.com)

(Understand that we can not answer your questions by phone).

Crédits photo : David ALLEMAND, Christophe PRUDHOMME, Dominique GEST, Philippe MOES, Yvon TOUPIN, Esa PIENMUNNE, Jose Manuel GRANDIO, Eric MENU, Daniel MAILLARD, Philippe TOUSSAINT, Ari TERVO, Michel QUERAL, David GREYO, Jerome GUILLAUMOT.

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