**2025 NACO Photograph Contest**

Attention all photographers! Get ready to showcase your skills and creativity as NACO announces the launch its 2025 Contest: "Wildlife Wonders”

Nebraska’s 93 counties have over one thousand native animals and plants, and we want to see them all through your lens. Send us your best photographs of flora and fauna—just make sure they’re native to Nebraska.

The winning entries will be featured in a calendar showcasing the best of Nebraska counties throughout the year. But that's not all–there will also be **prizes**! NACO will select 13 winners that will be featured in our annual calendar, and each winner will receive a calendar *and* a NACO swag bag! **And the overall First Place Winner will receive $100 and be featured on the cover!**

We want our calendar to feature a broad diversity of photographs! We adore photos of horses and meadowlarks and goldenrod, but we’ll grant special consideration to distinctive photographs featuring unique plants and animals! Think bobcats and bison, liatris and lobelia, toads and tiger beetles, bergamot and bloodroot, otters and owls.

**THERE’S MORE!** Even if your photograph does not win, it may still be featured in any number of NACO’s publications, including its website and social media.

To enter, please visit <https://nebraskacounties.org/photography-contest.html> to review the complete list of the rules and submit your photos.

The deadline for entries is **August 1, 2025**, and winners will be announced in mid-to-late September 2025. So grab your camera and start shooting! We can't wait to see what you submit!

Full Description and Complete Rules

NACO will hold a photograph contest from March 1 to August 1, 2025. NACO will not accept submissions once the deadline lapses. A NACO committee will select 13 winners to appear in its 2025 calendar.

**All submitted photographs must have been taken in a Nebraska county. Entrants must specify the location of the photograph.**

All submitted photos must be original work, taken by the entrants. No third party may own or control any materials the photo contains, and the photo must not infringe upon the trademark, copyright, moral rights, intellectual rights, or rights of privacy of any entity or person.

The photo should be in its original state as much as possible. Only very minor edits regarding color, tone, and contrast are permitted, but the integrity of the location/image must remain intact (i.e., no digital manipulation that drastically modifies the original photo).

Submissions must be high quality photos in landscape (horizontal) format with a preferred resolution of 2400 pixels wide by 1800 pixels high or higher. Photos with less than 2000 X 1500 pixel resolution, out of focus/grainy, or portrait (vertical) format will not be accepted.

Entries will be judged by a NACO committee that includes staff and board directors. All decisions are final. NACO reserves the right to disqualify any entry that is deemed inappropriate or does not conform to stated contest rules.

By entering the contest, entrants give NACO permission to use the submitted photograph(s) in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or consideration; entrants give NACO permission to edit or alter the photograph to meet formatting requirements; entrants submitting any photo containing an identifiable image of another affirm that they have obtained said person’s written permission for publication; entrants must submit a signed NACO photo release form for all submitted photographs; entrants will retain the copyright to the photo.