## Oakland Bird Alliance 2024 Photo Contest



We are having a photo contest and everyone is invited to participate! We will award prizes to the best photos and we plan to feature top entries in an Oakland Bird Alliance (OBA) 2025 Calendar (a fundraising event).

## The rules of the contest are:

- 1. All photos must be taken by the participant within the contest time period, which runs from May 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024.
- 2. Photos should be taken within any of the Great Lake states and provinces. Photos should be of wild animals and birds (no caged or zoo pictures, no people).
- 3. Participants must practice ethical wildlife photography and the <u>American Birding Association's</u> Code of Birding Ethics.
- 4. Entries are limited to four (4) photos per participant.
- 5. Photo entry categories are: Open, Youth (18 or younger), and OBA Member (current).
- 6. Photo file sizes & specifications:
  - No watermarks or bylines on the photograph
  - We'll need the largest file sizes you have available
  - TIF, PNG, or a max JPG files are best
  - Maximum file size is 10 MB
  - No generative Al
  - We can't accept previously published photos or photos you didn't take yourself
- 7. Participants must complete and sign the <u>Oakland Bird Alliance 2024 Photo Contest Entry Form</u> & <u>Photo Release [entry form]</u>.
- 8. By signing the <u>entry form</u>, participants grant OBA permission/rights to use all photos. Photos may be used on OBA's website or social media page, in a presentation about the contest, and/or in our future calendar.
- 9. Send the completed entry form and your photos via email to Don Burlett at <a href="mailto:baikalteal13@netzero.net">baikalteal13@netzero.net</a>. Acknowledgement of receipt will be provided quickly.

Photos will be judged by a committee of OBA's board members in the fall and winners will be announced by the end of October 2024.

We look forward to seeing and sharing your photography talents!