

Call for Entries: Virginia Master Naturalists Photo Contest

Have you taken awesome photos in the great outdoors as a Fairfax Master Naturalist? Enter your favorites to be considered for the Fairfax Chapter's entries for the statewide Virginia Master Naturalists Photo Contest.



How to submit your photos

- Simply upload your photos to Facebook, Instagram or Twitter with the hashtag **#FMNphotos**.
- Our judges will pick their favorites in 4 categories:
 1. **VIRGINIA FLORA**, to include fungi.
 2. **VIRGINIA FAUNA**
 3. **VIRGINIA LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS** (ex: sunsets, waterfalls, geology, etc.)
 4. **VIRGINIA MASTER NATURALISTS IN ACTION** (Citizen Science, Education, Stewardship)
- All pictures must be taken in Virginia. In the Virginia Flora and Virginia Fauna categories, the main subject must be a Virginia native species. Non-native species may be in the background.

- Participants agree that all images submitted may be used by the FMN program for our website, newsletter, social media and other promotional purposes. Photographers will receive a photo credit.
- Participants must be a Fairfax Master Naturalists member in good standing.

Photo Editing

Permitted modifications:

- Cropping, resizing, and rotating photo
- Red-eye removal
- One-step enhancement, such as Auto-Fix, Quick-Fix, Auto-Levels, etc.
- Filters to sharpen, blur, reduce noise
- Corrective functions to improve the natural appearance of the image, such as white balance, brightness, contrast, levels, exposure, saturation, color balance

Modifications not permitted:

- Adding, removing, or replacing elements
- Artistic filters
- Added borders or frames

Photo sizing: All photographs must be high resolution digital JPEGs and winning images will be sized for optimum viewing in a PowerPoint presentation.

Deadline to submit: Friday, July 20th at 11:59 PM

Winners will be notified: Monday, Aug 6th

For questions, contact us at vmnfairfax@gmail.com with the subject line "FMN Photo Contest"