

Nature Photography Competition

"Nature Treasures in Europe 2008"

Send us your most beautiful nature photo!

The European Nature Heritage Fund (Euronatur) and Euronatur Service GmbH, in cooperation with „natur + kosmos“, Deutsche Lufthansa AG and NaturVision, arrange the 15th nature photography competition "Nature Treasures in Europe"

Send us your most beautiful photos of nature in Europe: animals, plants or landscapes! The best takings will be presented in autumn 2008 in an exhibition at Schloss Wolfstein in Freyung, in the heart of the Bavarian Forest, and prized with valuable awards. The winner photos will be published in „natur + kosmos“, in the magazine "euronatur" , on the hosts' Internet pages as well as in the large-sized wall calendar "Nature Treasures in Europe 2009".

Participation is free; there are attractive prizes to be won, and we will endeavour to return all slides as soon as possible. By participating, you will contribute with your pictures to the wildlife protection activities of Euronatur.

1st prize: 7 adventurous days for 2 persons at the rivers Narew and Biebrza in the northeast of Poland

2nd prize: 1 Zeiss binocular 10 x 40 BT Victory

3rd prize: 3 days for 2 persons in the "Senne", a landscape in Eastern Westphalia.

4th prize: 1 Zeiss binocular 8 x 30 B/GA Classic

5th prize: 3 days for 2 persons in Freyung, the gateway to the Bavarian Forest National Park

Prize 6 to 12 and the prize of the jury is each one book from the assortment of Euronatur Service GmbH.

Furthermore, each winner receives a wall calendar "Nature Treasures of Europe 2009". *Prizes will not be paid out in cash; legal action is excluded.*

Closing date is March 31, 2008.

Send your photos to:

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Nature Treasures Europe 2008
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The Jury

Dr. Horst Hamm, deputy chief editor "natur+kosmos"

Ilona Jerger, chief editor "natur+kosmos"

Lutz Laemmerhold, Deutsche Lufthansa AG

Gabriel Schwaderer, executive director Euronatur

Ralph Thoms, director NaturVision

Gunther Willinger, project manager Euronatur

You'll find the winners of previous contests under www.euronatur.org/?photo

Terms of Participation 2008:

- (1) Participation fee and organizer.** Participation is free of charge. The organisers will bear the costs of the event and the return of the slides. The organisers are the European Nature Heritage Fund (Euronatur), Euronatur-Service GmbH, the magazine "natur + kosmos", Deutsche Lufthansa AG and NaturVision. Admitted are all photographers having their principal residence in Europe. Closing date is March 31, 2008 (arriving).
- (2) Motifs and evaluation.** Accepted are motifs of nature in Europe. The jury awards the prizes 1-12 as well as one "special prize of the jury". The prized pictures 1-12 will be printed in the Euronatur calendar 2009. Decisions taken by the jury are undisputable. The organisers reserve the right to disqualify pictures that were obviously taken by infringing the code of conduct for nature photographers, which can be read under <http://www.euronatur.org/?photo>. Digitally manipulated pictures, pictures from pets or domestic animals, pictures of cultivated varieties of wild plants and pictures that were not taken in Europe are not admitted. Pictures of animals under controlled conditions (Zoo, enclosure or similar) have to be marked with a "C" on the slide frame and in the list.
- (3) Pictures.** Max. 5 pictures per photographer are permitted. Admitted are digital pictures on CD and slides of all formats without glass mount. Please only send original slides or very good duplicates! Scans of slides are also permitted; however, please bear in mind that an excellent technical quality (focus, exposure) is an essential requirement for prize awarding. Minimum resolution for digital pictures: 6m pixels. Digital pictures must be submitted in two separate files on CD:
1st file: "preview": jpeg of 1200x800 pixel
2nd file: "high-resolution quality data": jpeg in full size and of highest quality (e.g. saved in Adobe Photoshop with quality level 12).
We attach importance to natural, non-manipulated pictures; therefore subsequent modification of the picture or its information is not permitted. We exclusively admit the standard picture-editing processes on the picture as a whole (e.g. tonal value, saturation, contrast, focus).
The title of a picture must contain the photographer's name as well as name and number of the picture (1 to 5) (e.g. MaxMueller_BrownbearCroatia_1.jpg).
- (4) List of pictures.** The mailing shall include a printed list of the pictures. In addition, digital pictures must be listed in a separate document on the CD. Apart from the name and address of the photographer, picture title and number (1 to 5), this list shall provide the following details: date of taking, camera, lens, type (scientific name, if possible), location (country, region, biotope, biological reserve etc.) and further information such as exposure, time of the day, setting, atmosphere or similar.
- (5) Labelling of slides.** For a better orientation, all slides must show the picture number (1 to 5) on the front side in the left bottom corner. Also, the title of the picture and the name and address of the photographer must be clearly marked on the front side of each slide frame.
- (6) Copyright, liability and mailing.** The photographer must be the sole author and owner of the copyright of all pictures submitted. Pictures may not be blocked by agencies or publishers and may not have been awarded in another competition. The organisers do not assume any liability for claims of third parties and for damage or loss of the pictures sent by post. The mailings must be packed in such way that damage during transport is excluded. Digital pictures on CD will not be returned; CDs will be destroyed after the event. By participating in this competition, the photographer agrees that his/her pictures may be used, free of charge, by Euronatur within the scope of their wildlife protection activities, in exhibitions and publications of the organisers as well as in the magazine "nature + kosmos". The print in the wall calendar "Nature Treasures in Europe 2009" is also free of charge. The photographer will be named in every publication.

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Code of conduct for nature photographers

The nature photographer may under no circumstances endanger the life of plants or animals or disturb their way of living. The life and wellbeing of any creature and the respect of its habitat is far more important than any picture could be.

1. The observation of legal regulations for wildlife protection is imperative.
2. Do only take pictures in natural environment. Picking flowers or pursuing animals for the sake of a photo is absolutely unacceptable.
3. When taking pictures, neither the object nor its surroundings should be altered. Be very careful not to damage the natural protection of the object and not to go below flight distance. Please be particularly cautious when using photoflash.
4. Taking pictures of birds in the vicinity of a nest is dissuaded.
5. Disturbing foraging animals or animals feeding their offspring is to be avoided on all accounts.
6. Gathering places, sleeping or resting places shall not be disturbed in any case.
7. Generally, any interference in the natural habitat is to be avoided. Therefore we recommend not to use baits such as birdsong playback or food to attract animals. In case of doubts please contact the local nature conservation office.
8. Manipulation of animals (e.g. holding or moving them) or plants (e.g. pinching) is usually inappropriate, often to be avoided and sometimes totally unacceptable. If pictures can only be taken after such manipulation, one can better wait for another opportunity.

According to BVNF – Belgian Association of Nature photographers

Link: http://www.bvnf.be/uk_pages/uk_home_code.htm