

Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest

The ease of digital cameras has allowed photography to become popular with people of all ages. Capturing a good photo takes more than just using a good camera, however. It takes knowing how to compose the shot by evaluating the light and framing the subject in the most desirable position. It takes knowing when to get close and when to back away and take a longer, wider shot. It takes patience and a desire to capture the beauty of nature. The winners featured on the

following pages accomplished all of this and were selected among more than 1,700 entered photos.

For the second year we held a contest for youth and 47 different entrants submitted 250 photos. In the adult categories, Birds had the most entries with more than 300 photos. It was followed closely by Other Wildlife, Flora and Scenic/Pictorial, all with more than 250 entries. Three out-of-state photographers who took photos in Alabama placed among the winners.

First, second, third and honorable mention were chosen in the following categories: Birds; Flora; Mammals; Nature-based Recreation; Other Wildlife; Reptiles, Amphibians and Fish; Scenic Pictorial; State Parks; and two youth categories, ages 6-12 and 13-18.

Here they are, the winners of the 2010 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest.





Nature-based Activities

1 First Place — Cavers Rappelling into Stephens Gap Cave Near Scottsboro, *Jeffrey S. Rease, Birmingham*

2 Second Place — Duck Hunter, *Debby Faught, Mobile*

3 Third Place — Surf Fishing at Gulf Shores, *Michael Mahaney, Lafayette, Georgia*

4 Honorable Mention — Kayaking on Little River, *Diane Holderfield, Union Grove*





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Birds

- 1 **First Place** — Cattle Egret, *Terry Hartley, Mobile*
- 2 **Second Place** — Great Blue Heron, *Tim Goode, Montgomery*
- 3 **Third Place** — Northern Parula, *Michael Rogers, Mobile*
- 4 **Honorable Mention** — Eastern Bluebird in Birdbath, *Jimmy Andrews, Mobile*



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Flora

- 1 First Place** — Autumn Oak Leaf, *Phillip M. Burrow, Bessemer*
- 2 Second Place** — White Milkweed, *Ron Richardson, Jasper*
- 3 Third Place** — Catesby's Trillium, *Deanna Andrepont, Pelham*
- 4 Honorable Mention** — Mushroom (*Amanita spp.*), *Evelyn Carter, Columbus, Mississippi*



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Mammals

1 First Place — White-tailed Buck, *Michael Padgett, Columbus, Georgia*

2 Second Place — Red Foxes, *Jim Denney, Alexander City*

3 Third Place — Fox Squirrel, *Lisa Moates, Wetumpka*

4 Honorable Mention — White-tailed Doe, *T. Greg McKelvey, Mobile*



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**Scenic/
Pictorial**

- 1 First Place** — Sunset on Lewis Smith Lake, Cullman, *George W. Ponder III, Cullman*
- 2 Second Place** — Cypress Pond, Robertsdale, *Paul McKinney, Robertsdale*
- 3 Third Place** — Little River Canyon, *Tony Giannelli, Madison*
- 4 Honorable Mention** — Sunset on Mobile Bay, *John Bradshaw, Montrose*







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Other Wildlife

- 1 **First Place** — Pair of Slender Bluet Damselflies, *Steve Krotzer, Centreville*
- 2 **Second Place** — Differential Grasshopper, *Matthew Oliver, Alexander City*
- 3 **Third Place** — Garden Spider with Dragonfly, *Steve Krotzer, Centreville*
- 4 **Honorable Mention** — Giant Swallowtail Butterfly, *Connie Hicks, Fairhope*





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**Reptiles,
Amphibians,
Fish**

- 1 **First Place** — Gray Tree Frog, *Chris Funk, Phenix City*
- 2 **Second Place** — Squirrel Tree frog, *Chris Funk, Phenix City*
- 3 **Third Place** — Alligator, *Richard G. Dowling, Prattville*
- 4 **Honorable Mention** — American Bullfrog, *Jerry Foster, Florence*



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State Parks

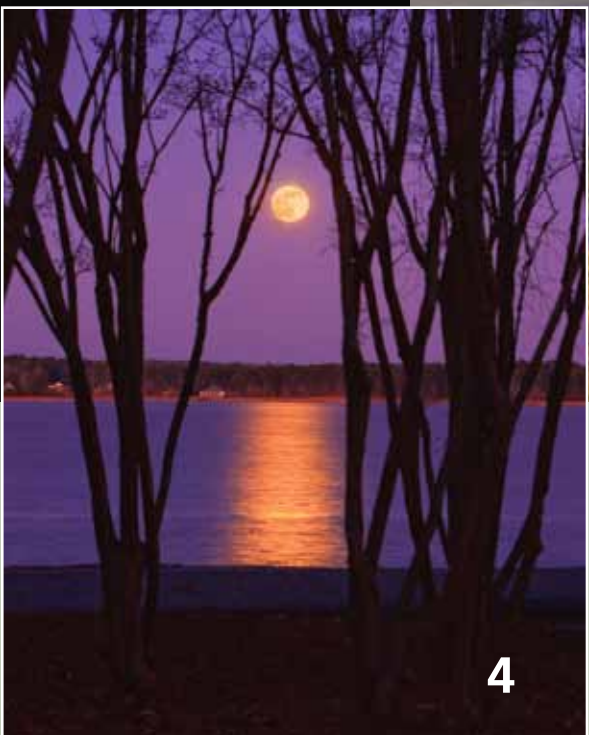
- 1 First Place** — Gulf State Park Pier, *Scott Dover, Birmingham*
- 2 Second Place** — Sunrise at Gulf State Park, *Tim Goode, Montgomery*
- 3 Third Place** — Cheaha State Park, *Joe Miller, Oneonta*
- 4 Honorable Mention** — Wind Creek State Park, *Scott Thompson, Alexander City*



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Youth 6-12

1 First Place — Waterskiing on the Tennessee River, *Adam Dumbacher, Huntsville*

2 Second Place — Robber Fly, *Elizabeth (Bess) Diard, Fairhope*

3 Third Place — Great-crested Flycatcher Eating Anole, *Justin Way, Mobile*

4 Honorable Mention — Scarlet Tanager, *Justin Way, Mobile*



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Youth 13-18

- 1 **First Place** — Rough Green Snake, Ben Jackson III, Birmingham
- 2 **Second Place** — Canada Geese, Nathan Lyon, Marbury
- 3 **Third Place** — Sunset near Mobile, Laura Kennedy, Mobile
- 4 **Honorable Mention** — Trees and Blue Sky, Billy Swift, Birmingham