



## THE ALBERTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

### GUIDELINES FOR THE LARRY NORMAN COMIN PHOTO CONTEST

Share with us those exceptional photographs where you caught incredible wildlife poses, beautiful landscapes, or just stunning moments in nature. Submit your photograph to the **Larry Norman Comin Photo Contest** as part of the 2026 ACTWS Conference taking place this year in Jasper, Alberta. Photos can be of **Wildlife Poses**, **Landscapes**, and/or **Relationships with Nature**. A single award of a plaque and \$250 is presented for the top photo and the winner announced at the meeting banquet.

#### Photo Submissions

1. All photos must be submitted online (<https://www.actws.ca/photo-contest/>) or via email to the Chair of the Professional Awards Committee ([awards@actws.ca](mailto:awards@actws.ca)) by **January 16, 2026**.
2. Include a brief description of the photo, your name, number, and email with the photo submission.
3. Registration and attendance at 2026 ACTWS Conference is strongly encouraged, as the winners will be presented their award during the conference.
4. Photos may be on display during this Annual 2026 and future ACTWS conferences.
5. ACTWS will have non-exclusive rights to use photographs submitted.

#### Photo Specifications

1. Photo entries are limited to one photo entry per person per category: **Wildlife Poses**, **Landscapes**, **Relationships with Nature**.
2. Photos must be taken in Canada to be eligible.
3. Entries must be submitted in digital format online.
4. A one-sentence caption describing the elements captured in the photo is to accompany the print.
5. Any identifiable persons in the submitted photo(s) must give consent to their inclusion, and must not be identifiable by name in the photo (e.g. last name on their clothing).
6. No digital alterations of the photographs is permitted beyond adjustments to meet realistic colour balance and sharpness. If the judges determine that the photo has been altered, they reserve the right to disqualify the image.
7. All wildlife images must be of wild animals and captured ethically. That is, wildlife must not be baited. Judges reserve the right to disqualify images that appear to violate this rule.

8. Composite images are permitted, but any photo using these techniques must be disclosed.

**Judging:**

1. Photos will be judged by a panel of three judges. The photographs will be judged on originality, composition, and technical quality.
2. An award will be presented at the conference banquet. Winners are encouraged to attend the ACTWS conference or have a designate to collect your prize.
3. ACTWS will have non-exclusive rights to use the photograph.