



2010 Kingston Field Naturalists Photo Contest Submission Form



Photographer's Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Total Number of Photos Entered: _____



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I, the undersigned, have read and understand the rules and regulations governing the 2010 KFN Photo Contest. I understand that by entering a photo(s) in this contest, the right to distribute the image(s) for fundraising purposes is granted to the Kingston Field Naturalists.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

A Nature Viewer's Code of Ethics

(Courtesy of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists)

There are a few published codes of practice for nature photographers (see below), but since the real ethical issue is viewing nature, we've expanded this code to embrace all watchers. Like all codes, it can offer only general principles and guidelines, to be adapted to your personal ethics. You must judge the circumstances and follow what you know in your heart to be right.

1. Always put the welfare of animals and plants ahead of your desire to view them.
2. Study the species' behaviour, needs and ecosystem. Learn how things interrelate and how easily you can break their links.
3. The rarer the species, the greater the care you must take.
4. The more that seasonal circumstances make a species vulnerable, the wider the berth you must give your subject. Breeding season, winter and migration are especially stressful times for wildlife.
5. Leave nesting birds and nursing mammals alone unless you have proper training and guidance. Stay away from hibernators.
6. Don't stalk, chase or badger wildlife, repeatedly causing a bird to flush or a mammal to run.
7. Don't handle birds, wildlife or their young, or interfere with nests and dens. Never separate babies from their mothers. Avoid removing reptiles, amphibians or insects from their natural habitat.
8. Always move slowly, letting birds and other wildlife get accustomed to you.
9. If you see any signs of stress, you're too close. Back off immediately.
10. Avoid trampling plants and vegetation in any habitat.
11. Never permanently alter any habitat to improve your view. Gardening—cutting and clearing away branches, reeds, grasses and other protective cover—is unacceptable.
12. Make your visit as brief as possible. Take as little equipment as possible to minimize disturbance in the field. Avoid repeated trips. Avoid creating a trail to your subject's refuge.
13. Don't trespass or litter. Respect landowners' and public terms for land use.
14. If you witness any unethical practice in the field, speak up.
15. Consider the collective impact of nature viewers. If the area or subject is over-visited, could you look for another, less stressful opportunity?

Codes of practice are available from the following organizations:

- Toronto Camera Club
- Royal Photographic Society, Nature Group
- The Photographic Society of America