

2009 *OutdoorIllinois* Photo Contest Winners
Images will be showcased in the February 2010 issue of *OutdoorIllinois*

Congratulations to all our winners, and our sincere thanks to the 266 shutterbugs submitting images this year. The 2009 contest was, by far, our largest contest, with 1,879 photos submitted. Let's make the 2010 contest event bigger. Watch for the contest announcement in the May 2010 issue of *OutdoorIllinois*, and posted at dnr.state.il.us/OI by May 1.

--Kathy Andrews, Editor, *OutdoorIllinois*

BEST OF SHOW

Karen Kelly "Uninvited guest" (coyote sneaking up on feeding eagle)

SCENIC/LANDSCAPE

1st	Brad Waggoner	Lake Michigan storm waves at Winthrop Harbor
2nd	Brad Waggoner	Hazy prairie landscape Raven Glen Forest Preserve, Lake County
3rd	Paul McFadden	Pine on Lake Michigan shoreline at Illinois Beach State Park
HM	Mark Baldwin	Log cabin on prairie at Glacial Park Forest Preserve
HM	Sarah Morgan	Winter reflection at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge
HM	Paul McFadden	"Moongoose" at Barrington Hills

MAMMALS

1st	David C. Olson	Trio of river otters at Pecatonica River Bottoms
2nd	David C. Olson	Coyote in snow at White Pines State Forest
3rd	Jerry Baker	Coyote diving for mice
HM	Bob Rutkowski	Herd of deer in front of prescribed fire
HM	David C. Olson	Badger at Apple River Canyon State Park
HM	Paul McFadden	"Yikes a People" (red fox in mid-stride)

BIRDS

1st	Karen Kelly	"Uninvited guest" (coyote sneaking up on feeding immature bald eagle)
2 nd	Paul McFadden	"Ink Spot" B&W of shorebird on stump
3rd	Arnold J. Koenig	Baby bird in nest
HM	Julie Oest	Green heron at Argyle Lake Satte Park
HM	Jerry Baker	A great blue heron enjoys fish for lunch
HM	Shirley Anderson-Hewitt	"Smooth Take Off" (hen mallard)

INVERTEBRATES

1st	John Weidman	Green darner at Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area
2nd	Karen Kelly	Preying mantis
3rd	Phyllis Cerny	Dragonfly
HM	Mark Blassage	Cicada
HM	Arnold J. Koenig	Dragonfly
HM	John Weidman	Mayfly on prairie clover

REPTILES/AMPHIBIANS

1st	David C. Olson	Bullfrog on Sugar River alder
2nd	Jim Martin	Tree frog hanging on tight in rural Jackson County
3rd	Pamela L. Ridgley	Sand on the nose of a skink at Braidwood Dunes and Savanna
HM	Pamela L. Ridgley	Blue-tailed skink at Braidwood Dunes and Savanna
HM	Arnold J. Koenig	Turtle laying eggs at Whalon Lake Forest Preserve, Bolingbrook
HM	Mark Blassage	Peak-a-boo toad at Lake Shelbyville

AQUATIC RESOURCES

1st	Uland Thomas	<i>Lepomus megalotis</i> from Little Beaver Creek, Kankakee County
2nd	Uland Thomas	Pair of <i>Etheostoma spectabile</i> from S Branch Forked Creek, Will County
3rd	Jim Martin	Bluegill from rural Jackson County
HM	Jim Martin	Bass—say ah
HM	Tracy Perceall	Snail at Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area
HM	Leona Howard	Underwater photos of bluegill at Haigh Quarry, Bradley

FLORA (PLANTS/MUSHROOMS)

1st	Jack Weidman	Inky caps at Forest Park Nature Center, Peoria
2nd	Jack Weidman	Lady's slipper at Forest Park, Peoria
3rd	Jack Shouba	Michigan lily at area natural area
HM	Paul McFadden	Black-and-white queen Annes' lace at Algonquin
HM	Brad Waggoner	Lotus at Lindenhurst-Grass Lake Road
HM	John Weidman	Chicken mushrooms at Forest Park, Peoria

NATURAL RESOURCE RECERATION

1st	Julie Ruck	Young girl waling in forest opening
2nd	Charles Holland	Throwing a net at Carlyle Lake near Bowder
3rd	Ranae Eugene	Winter hikers
HM	Jim Martin	Fishing expedition of special populations
HM	Gretchen Steele	Bowfishing for Asian carp
HM	Mark Harris	Paddling Middlefork of the Vermilion River

YOUNG SHUTTERBUGS (12 and under)

1st	Ashlee Werkheiser	Butterfly at Illinois Central College, Peoria
2nd	Carmen Huddleston	Spider carrying young on back
3rd	Ashley Werkheiser	Mr. Bumble's Butt.
HM	Carmen Huddleston	Mourning dove and two squab on nest
HM	Kaleb Albers	Trio of whitetails at Eldon Hazlet State Park
HM	Ashlee Werkheiser	Spiderworts at Conner Prairie north of Kewanee

NATURE PRESERVES FLORA

1st	Joe O'Sullivan	Shooting stars at Kinnikinnick Creek, Boone County Conservation Area
2nd	Dianne Klimek	Milkweed releasing seeds at Volo Bog State Natural Area
3rd	Frank Zimmerman	Yellow lady's slipper at Gavin Bog and Prairie Nature Preserve
HM	Frank Zimmerman	Gentian at Bluff Springs Fen
HM	Joe O'Sullivan	Turkey tail fungi on a spring woodland floor Kinnikinick Creek, Boone County
HM	Travis A. Mahan	Crested coral-root orchid (<i>Hexalectris spicata</i>) at Fults Hill Prairie Nature Preserve

NATURE PRESERVES FAUNA

1st	Dirk Stevenson	Eastern garter snake at Salt Lick Point Land and Water Reserve, Monroe County
2nd	Emil Martinec	Red-headed woodpecker chick at Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve
3rd	Emil Martinec	House wren at Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve
HM	Frank Zimmerman	Bee on fall aster at Ridgetop Hill Prairie
HM	Dianne Klimek	Insects (<i>Oncoeltus fasciatus</i>) on milkweed pod at Volo Bog State Natural Area
HM	Kenneth Schneider	Sedge wren at Nelson Lake/Dick Young Forest Preserve

NATURE PRESERVES COMMUNITIES

1st	Weg Thomas	Frosty woodland edge at Glacial Park, McHenry County
2nd	Mark Baldwin	Summer woodland stream at Starved Rock State Park
3rd	Weg Thomas	Storm clouds over a prairie pond at Glacial Park, McHenry Co.
HM	Mark Baldwin	Storm clouds gathering over Goose Lake Prairie
HM	Mark Baldwin	Devil's Washbasin at Matthiessen State Park
HM	Sarah Morgan	Cypress and duck weed Heron Pond State Natural Area

HISTORIC SITES

1st	Kyle Sweet	Unique perspective on State Capital
2nd	Bob Wiseman	Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site
3rd	Elizabeth Myelle	New Salem State Historic Site
HM	Barb Virtue	Apple River Fort State Historic Site
HM	Dan Higgins	Franklin Creek State Natural Area Grist Mill
HM	Dan Higgins	Johnson Sauk Trail State Park Ryan's Historic Round Barn