



Sixth Annual Teatown Hudson River EagleFest® 2026 Photo Contest

Eagles & Raptors of the Hudson Valley

In honor and memory of Ed Mertz

Calling all nature photographers! Teatown's Sixth Annual EagleFest Photo Contest celebrates the majesty of Bald Eagles and other birds of prey that call the Hudson Valley home. Submit your best photographs for a chance to be featured and win Teatown prizes!

Categories

Participants may submit entries to one or both of the following categories:

1. **Eagles of the Hudson Valley**
Bald Eagles photographed anywhere within the Hudson Valley region.
 2. **Raptors & Birds of Prey of the Hudson Valley**
Includes owls, hawks, falcons, osprey, vultures, and other birds of prey photographed in the Hudson Valley.
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Submission Period

Opens: Monday, December 15, 2025

Closes: Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET

Submission link (for security, you must be logged into Google to submit photos):

<https://forms.gle/zoL5p3titiDZZxoV8>

Late entries cannot be accepted.

Submission Guidelines

- Each entrant may submit up to **three (3) photographs** in total.
 - Photos must be taken **within the Hudson Valley region**.
 - Only **original work** by the submitting photographer is eligible.
 - Images must be **high-resolution JPEGs** (minimum 1500px on the longest side).
 - Basic editing (cropping, color correction, exposure adjustments) is allowed.
 - AI-generated or AI-altered images are **not permitted**.
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Judging & Social Media Voting

1. **Teatown's judging panel** will review all submissions and select a shortlist of finalists in each category.
2. Finalists will be posted to Teatown's **Instagram** and **Facebook** accounts for public voting.
3. **Voting method:**
 - Each **comment** on the official finalist posts counts as **one vote** for the indicated photo.
 - Voting will occur on **both Instagram and Facebook**; all votes will be tallied together.
4. The photo with the most votes in each category will be declared the **People's Choice Winner**.

Voting dates will be announced when finalists are posted.

Prizes

First place winners in each category will receive:

- **A Teatown membership or tickets to Teatown's Hudson River EagleFest®**
- **Teatown merchandise prize pack**

Top finalists will receive:

- **Feature on Teatown's website, Instagram, and e-newsletter**

Finalist photos may also be highlighted in EagleFest promotional materials.

✓ Eligibility

- Open to photographers ages **13+**.
 - Amateur and professional photographers are welcome.
 - Teatown employees and their immediate families may participate but are **not eligible for prizes**.
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📄 Terms & Conditions

By submitting a photo, you agree that:

- You are the sole creator and copyright holder of the submitted work.
 - You grant Teatown a **non-exclusive, royalty-free license** to share your photo (with credit) on Teatown's website, social media, newsletters, displays, and EagleFest promotional materials.
 - Photographs must comply with ethical wildlife practices:
 - No baiting, flushing, harassment, or disturbance of wildlife.
 - No drones.
 - Teatown reserves the right to disqualify submissions that violate contest rules or depict inappropriate behavior toward wildlife.
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✉ Questions?

Contact **amott@teatown.org** with "EagleFest Photo Contest" in the subject line.

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