

# Grand prize

Paul Simison

Snowy egret, Merritt Island



## Florida Wildlife Magazine Photography Contest

The 2007 *Florida Wildlife Magazine* Photography Contest is the second during my tenure as magazine editor. Once again, I was surprised and delighted by the number and quality of photographs entered by enthusiasts from around the country. More than 100 photographers sent in some 800 images.

Some photographers entered 20 photos (the limit), while others entered one or two. Last year, only a couple of entries were on CD and several were slides. This year, the trend was reversed with only two photographers sending slides and a couple of dozen submitting CDs. As the quality of affordable digital cameras continues to improve, I expect more entries will arrive in this format.

Two winning photographers from last year's contest, Lynn Berreitter and Sheri Judah, received awards this year. Four photographers, Rick Franchi, Peggy D. Goldberg, James L. Harrell and Matthew K. Paulson, won multiple prizes.

I'd like to thank all the photographers who entered the contest and congratulate the winners. I hope all of you keep recording the beauty and excitement that is part of our natural Florida.

The judging panel scored each image on its composition, sharpness and focus, lighting and exposure, creativity and "worth a 1,000 words." The judges worked for hours judging and scoring the photographs. Often, the difference between a finalist and a prize-winning photograph was just a few points.

Complete entry information for next year's photo contest is on page 2.

~ Kelly Broderick, Editor-in-chief

# Living Wild



**First place**  
**Johnny Villaronga**  
American alligator with bass, Long Pine Key



**Award of merit**  
**Richard Fortune**  
Bottlenose dolphin, Flamingo, Everglades



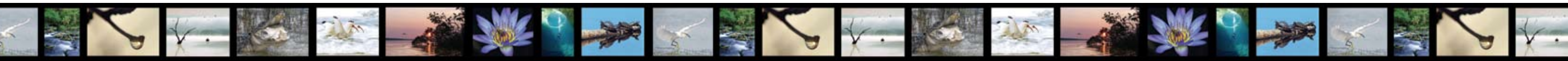
**Second place**  
**Matthew K. Paulson**  
Bumps on a log,  
Myakka River State Park

**Third place**  
**Matthew K. Paulson**  
View from above, Everglades

**Award of merit**  
**Matthew K. Paulson**  
Curious otters,  
Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area



**Award of merit**  
**Peggy D. Goldberg**  
Manatee and sunbeams,  
Homosassa River



# Recreation



## Award of merit

**Rick Franchi**

Sombrero Beach, Marathon Key



## First place

**James L. Harrell**

Fishin' in fog, Lake Talquin



## Third place

**Jeanne Murphy**

Closed due to high water, Shark River Valley



## Second place

**Peggy D. Goldberg**

Diver in Manatee Springs "catfish hotel,"  
Manatee Springs

## Award of merit

**Jonathan Mari**

Redfish, Alligator Harbor



# Natural Scenes



**Second place**  
**Lynn Berreitter**

Sunrise on Bird Island,  
Bird Island, Matlacha Pass

**Third place**  
**Rick Franchi**

Clearing storm on  
Lake Parker, Lakeland

**First place**  
**Chris Schlosser**

Class II rapids on the  
Hillsborough River,  
Hillsborough River State Park



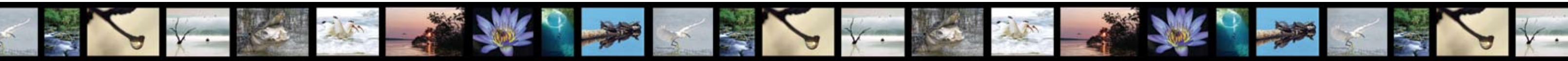
**Award of merit**  
**Richard Fortune**

Sunrise on Anhinga trail, Everglades



**Award of merit**  
**Peggy D. Goldberg**

Black-faced bream in sunrays, Silver River



# Up Close

**First place**  
**Pasquale R. Mingarelli**

Water drop on bud at sunrise, Barber Park, Orange County



**Second place**  
**Paul Williams**

Water lily,  
Florida Botanical Gardens, Largo



**Award of merit**

**Sheri Judah**

Gator eye, Hardee County Animal Refuge



**Third place**

**James L. Harrell**

Monarch in the pines,  
Gadsden County

**Award of merit**

**Christi Taylor**

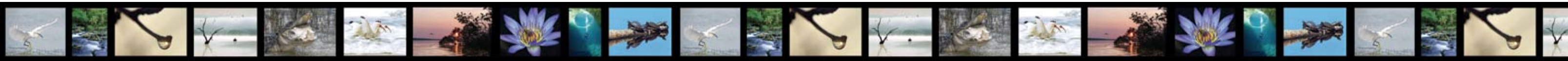
Florida softshell turtle,  
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Coral Gables



**Award of merit**

**Julie Long**

Heron and the St. Augustine lighthouse, St. Augustine



# Birdwatching



**First place**  
**Thomas J. Dunkerton**  
White ibis, Canaveral National Seashore



**Award of merit**  
**Matthew K. Paulson**  
Spoonbills, Merritt Island



**Second place**  
**Michael Tracy**  
Irritated bald eagle, St. Cloud

**Third place (tie)**  
**Michael Tracy**  
Tormented (crested caracara and mockingbird), Lake Cypress

**Third place (tie)**  
**Matthew K. Paulson**  
Baby sandhill crane, Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area



**Award of merit**  
**Paul Williams**

Juvenile red-shouldered hawk, Crews Lake, Pasco County

