

Bucks for Ducks 2025

Call for Photography

Please read the instructions in their entirety, as they change annually.

Yolo Basin Foundation (YBF) is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to expand the public's appreciation and stewardship of the wetlands and wildlife in the Yolo Basin through education and innovative partnerships.

We invite you to support our mission by submitting photographs for our upcoming online auction! Our annual *Bucks for Ducks* fundraising gala will take place on Sunday, October 5, 2025. The purpose of *Bucks for Ducks* is to raise money for the Foundation's outdoor education programs and events, of which over 10,000 people participate annually! Thank you for considering this opportunity, which has been held for over 35 years! We hope you will support YBF by submitting up to two photographs for judging. The online auction associated with the fundraiser will include juried photography, art, and other silent auction items and experiences. The bidding begins Sunday, September 28, 2025 and will conclude on Monday, October 6, 2025. Select photographs will also be displayed at our *Bucks for Ducks* event.

Photographic Submission Details

The geographic region for photographs includes all of California. The photos must fit into one of the following categories: Plants, Animals, Landscape, Agriculture, and Open. The open category consists of photos that don't comfortably fit in one of the other categories; have been heavily, purposefully, and artistically manipulated; or depart dramatically from the other categories by virtue of added, deleted, moved, or overlaid elements. Please limit animal entries to wildlife only. Domesticated animals will be accepted only in the agriculture category.

Please submit up to 2 of your best photos. Email your entry/entries to ybf.photos@yolobasin.org. Please include only ONE image per email.

Photos must be formatted as 8 x 10, 11 x 14 or 12 x 18 aspect ratio. The photographs should be submitted as <10MB jpeg images for the judging phase. If one or more of your photos is selected for the auction, you may be required to submit a higher resolution jpeg file that is between 5-25MB, so make sure your entries meet this requirement. Note: Yolo Basin Foundation will have the selected images professionally printed and matted.

The photo file name must include only the photographer's last name and the title of photograph.
For example: Emery-Yolo Bypass

Please include the following information in your e-mail:

Name:
Mailing address:
Phone number:
Email:
Category:
Photo title:
Location:
Species (if known):



Jock Hamilton: Sunset Reflecting, Lake Solano

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Photo Selection and Other Information

Entries will be evaluated by a panel of jurors and will be judged on creativity, composition, presentation, technical quality, and theme. Ultimate selection for the auction will be based on the results of the judging and appropriateness for sale on the *Bucks for Ducks* online auction site.

Twenty photos will be selected to be sold in the online auction. The selected photos will be printed and matted. Three of the selected images will be chosen for printing in a larger format and framed. These framed prints may be displayed at the *Bucks for Ducks* event on October 5, 2025.

The last day for submissions is July 1, 2025. Photographers will be notified of accepted entries by July 25.

The higher resolution photos and completed submission form for each selected photograph must be received by August 8.

The prints will become the property of the highest bidders, but the image copyrights will remain with the photographers.

Upon acceptance, Yolo Basin Foundation (YBF) will have your permission to reproduce, display, and/or distribute the selected photographs for educational, promotional, or publicity purposes for two years. YBF will ask for your permission prior to using them for any other purpose. The photographs will include photo credits, wherever feasible.

We hope that you will participate and submit one or two of your beautiful photographs. We appreciate your consideration and support!

For more information about Yolo Basin Foundation, visit yolobasin.org.

Dates to Remember

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| • July 1, 2025 | Last date for submission of photographs |
| • July 25 | Photographers notified of accepted entries |
| • August 8 | Deadline for submission of high resolution images and completed donation forms sent to ybf.photos@yolobasin.org |
| • September 28 | Bidding begins at 8 a.m. |
| • October 5 | <i>Bucks for Ducks</i> , El Macero Country Club, Davis |
| • October 6 | Bidding closes at 7 p.m. |

Questions?

E-mail ybf.photos@yolobasin.org

***Thank you so much for considering this opportunity!
We couldn't do what we do without the support of our community!***