

Call for Photography

Bucks for Ducks 2026

Yolo Basin Foundation

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 *Bucks for Ducks* online auction! Our annual *Bucks for Ducks* fundraising gala will take place on Sunday, October 4, 2026. 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 three 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 27, 2026 and will conclude on Monday, October 5, 2026.

Photographic Submission Details

Photos may be taken anywhere in California and must fit into one of the following categories: Native Plants, Native Animals, Landscape, Agriculture, and Open. The open category consists of photos that don't comfortably fit one of the other categories; or have been heavily, purposefully, and artistically manipulated. Domesticated animals will only be accepted in the Agriculture category.

Please submit up to 3 of your best photos. Email each entry individually to ybf.photos@yolobasin.org.

Photos must be formatted in an 8 x 10, 11 x 14, or 12 x 18 aspect ratio. The photographs should be submitted as 2-10MB jpeg images for the judging phase. If one or more of your photos are selected for the auction, you may be required to submit a higher resolution jpeg file that is between 5-25MB, so please make sure your entries can meet this requirement. Note: YBF will have the selected images professionally printed and matted, at no cost to you.

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

Please include the following information in the body of your e-mail:

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



Jock Hamilton: Sunset Reflecting, Lake Solano

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Photograph Selection and Other Details

A panel of jurors will evaluate entries and 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 the appropriateness for sale on the *Bucks for Ducks* online auction site.

Twenty photos will be selected and sold in the online auction. They will be printed and matted, at no cost to the photographer. Three of the selected images will be printed in a larger format, framed, and displayed at the *Bucks for Ducks* event on October 4, 2026, at the El Macero Country Club. The remaining selected photographs will be displayed at the event, as space allows.

The last day for submissions is July 19, 2026. Photographers will be notified of accepted entries by August 18.

High-resolution photos and completed submission forms for each selected photograph must be received by August 24.

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 two or three 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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| • <i>July 19, 2026</i> | <i>Last date for submission of photographs</i> |
| • August 18 | Photographers notified of accepted entries |
| • August 24 | Deadline for submission of high-resolution images and completed donation forms sent to ybf.photos@yolobasin.org |
| • September 27 | Bidding begins at 8 a.m. |
| • October 4 | <i>Bucks for Ducks</i> , El Macero Country Club, Davis |
| • October 5 | Bidding closes at 8 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!***