

Data Point Photo Contest

In addition to the standard print JAM Photo Contest, we are once again conducting a separate Data Point Photo contest. This contest is open to all registered JAM attendees, though we strongly encourage participants to be chapter members as well.

We created the [51st Joint Annual Meeting Data Point Photo Contest](https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/51st-joint-annual-meeting-data-point-photo-contest) project on [iNaturalist.org](https://www.inaturalist.org) to host this *Data Point* contest. Images do NOT need to be printed to be eligible for this contest (like they do for the main photo contest). To enter, a digital version of the image must be submitted as an observation to [iNaturalist.org](https://www.inaturalist.org) and shared with the project <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/51st-joint-annual-meeting-data-point-photo-contest> (which limits entries to observations from AZ & NM).

When submitting a record for the contest, users will be prompted to select a *Data Points Contest* Category for consideration: **Rare Birds & Stranger Things**, **Keeping Common Species Common**, or **Invasive Procedures & Feral Terrors**. For a description of the considerations for these categories please refer to the “About” section of the project web/mobile application. Contestants can submit up to five records per category.

Winners will be selected by a panel that will evaluate records on the quality of the image and the value of the data point. There will NOT be any cash prizes for this *Data Points* contest, but winning records will be shared at the JAM banquet and featured on the websites and social media outlets of [iNaturalist.org](https://www.inaturalist.org) and the partner chapters of TWS and AFS.

2017 50th JAM Data Point Photo Contest Winners

Rare Birds & Stranger Things



Bendire's Thrasher, Chrissy Kondrat-Smith
AGFD, AZTWS

Keeping Common Species Common



Coachwhip, Samantha Vaughn
Logan Simpson, AZTWS

Invasive Procedures & Feral Terrors



Brook Trout, Sally Petre
AGFD, AZ/NM AFS

