



CONSERVATION PHOTO CONTEST

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Entry due by September 27, 2019

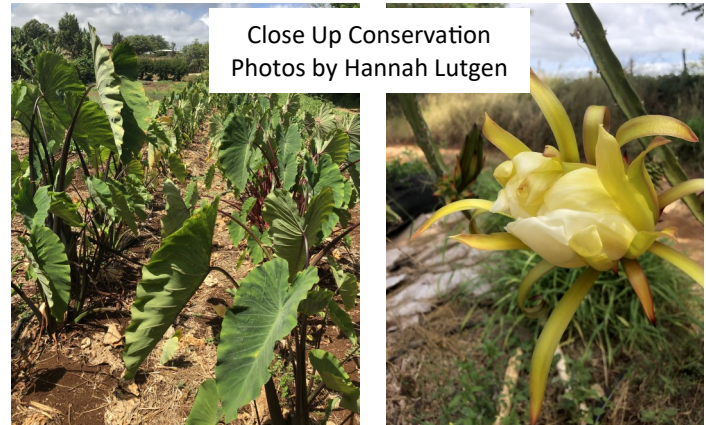
Excellent photography can communicate volumes. To recognize individuals who use this tool effectively and creatively, the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts are hosting its first annual Photo Contest. The contest is open to all amateur photographers who reside in Hawaii. Contestants are allowed to enter as many as five photos that each fit into one of the following four categories: Conservation Practices, Close-up Conservation, Conservation in Action, or Agriculture and Conservation Across America.

Photos are judged on technical merit and composition. On technical merit, photos will be judged on whether they are well-framed, properly exposed, and sharp/clear. On composition, the photos will be judged on imagination and creativity. One winner will be selected for each category and age division.

The winning photos will advance to the National Association of Conservation Districts photo contest.



Conservation in Action
Aeroponics
Photo by Jason Hew



Close Up Conservation
Photos by Hannah Lutgen

Entry Instructions

Compete and submit [entry form and photo release](#) for each photo you would like to enter into the contest, along with the photos you are submitting, by email to mauiswcds@gmail.com by September 27, 2019. Photos must be in a **JPEG file format**. If you are submitting a photo in which a subject or model's face is recognizable, you must also complete and attach the [subject and model release](#) with your photo/s. All emailed photo files must be named by category, age division, last name, state, and photo number. If you are submitting only one photo in a category, your photo number is "1." Additional photos in the same category should be numbered consecutively. Name the photo file for each entry as follows:

- **Conservation Practices**

- ◇ Adult: CP-A- LastName_FirstInitial-State-#
- ◇ Youth: CP-Y- LastName_FirstInitial-State-#

- **Conservation in Action**

- ◇ Adult: CIA-A- LastName_FirstInitial-State-#
- ◇ Youth: CIA-Y- LastName_FirstInitial-State-#

- **Close Up Conservation**

- ◇ Adult: CUC-A- LastName_FirstInitial-State-#
- ◇ Youth: CUC-Y- LastName_FirstInitial-State-#

- **Ag/Conservation Across America**

- ◇ Adult: ACAA-A- LastName_FirstInitial-State-#
- ◇ Youth: ACAA-Y- LastName_FirstInitial-State-#

For example, John Smith, a 16-year-old from Texas, wishes to submit three photos, one in the Close Up Conservation category and two in Conservation in Action. His file names would read as follows:

- CUC-Y-Smith-J-HI-1
- CIA-Y-Smith-J-HI 1
- CIA-Y-Smith-J-HI-2

Additional Rules and Guidelines

- Minor digital enhancements for cropping, red-eye removal, filters and corrective functions are permitted; however, an image judged to be significantly altered may be disqualified. Contestants are not permitted to place borders, frames or backgrounds around their images or to place watermarks, dates, signatures or copyright images onto photos.
- Previously published photos are not eligible for the photo contest.
- All entries become the property of the Maui SWCDs and NACD. As such, Maui SWCDs and NACD reserves the non-exclusive right to use submittals in official publications and for promotional purposes. The photographer retains rights and use to their photo.
- Winner of photo contest will be required to provide a high resolution digital image of its entry.

Photo Release Form: *(required for each photo submitted)*

Photographer's Name

Email

(_____) _____
Phone number

Address

Minors (under the age of 18) who appear in photographs must have a parent/legal guardian sign their release; subjects 18 years and older can sign their own release form.

I hereby grant the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) permission to use my likeness, name or images I have photographed in any and all publications: including web site entries, without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity. I understand and agree that these photos can be used by the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) as stated above. My photos can also be used for my personal or professional use. I hereby irrevocably authorize the SWCDs and NACD to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo for purposes of publicizing SWCDs and NACD's programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph. I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the SWCDs and NACD from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization. I am 18 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release. If under the age of 18 I will have consent signed by parent or guardian.

Signature of photographer

Date

Signature of photographer's parent or legal guardian

Date

Printed name of parent or legal guardian