

National Estuaries Week

Photo Contest 2015: Winners and Honorable Mentions

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Congratulations to the 2015 National Estuaries Week photo contest winners! Winning photos were selected from over 130 submissions, and several honorable mentions were also chosen and are listed at the bottom of the page. Thank you to all our reserve photographers. Keep an eye on social media or visit our [photo gallery](#) to see even more of the submissions.

Creepers



Emily Woodward. Fiddler crab in North Carolina Reserve



Jace Tunnell. American alligator at Mission-Aransas Reserve in Texas

Fliers



Rutger Hagan, "45 and Counting." Jacques
Cousteau Reserve in New Jersey



Caitlin M. Snyder. Dragonfly in the marshes at
Apalachicola Reserve in Florida

Swimmers



Emily Woodward. Loggerhead hatchling at North Carolina Reserve

Work



Coreen Weilminster, "Done for the Day." Waders at Chesapeake Bay Reserve in Maryland



Rebecca Zeiber. Oyster restoration in Great Bay Reserve in New Hampshire

Play



Jace Tunnell, Squid observation at Mission-Aransas Reserve in Texas



Caitlin M. Snyder, Hiking on St. George Island State Park in Apalachicola Reserve in Florida

Vistas



Lucy Jacobson. Heron Bayou, Grand Bay Reserve in Mississippi



Gene Wright. Observation deck in winter at Old Woman Creek Reserve in Ohio

Miscellaneous



Caitlin M. Snyder. Ferns in Apalachicola Reserve in Florida

Honorable Mentions



Caitlin M. Snyder. Oyster ladders at Apalachicola Reserve in Florida



Jace Tunnell. Blue crab on a dock in Mission-Aransas Reserve in Texas



Gene Wright, "Babies First Day at the Beach."
Beach at Old Woman Creek Reserve in Ohio



Caitlin M. Snyder. Green sea turtle hatchling in Apalachicola Reserve in Florida



Rebecca Zeiber. Learning about water quality in
Great Bay Reserve in New Hampshire



Jace Tunnell. Estuarine animal education at
Mission-Aransas Reserve in Texas



Jennifer Buchiet, "Mouth Open." Exchange
between Lake Erie and Old Woman Creek – Old
Woman Creek Reserve in Ohio



Coreen Weilminster, "Little Monie Reflections."
Calm waters in tidal creeks – Chesapeake Bay
Reserve in Maryland



Lucy Jacobson. Waterlily in Grand Bay Reserve in Mississippi



Sandy Wright. American lotus at Old Woman Creek Reserve in Ohio



Emily Woodward. Loggerhead hatchling in North Carolina Reserve



Rutger Hagan, "Not All Lizards Have Legs." Lizard fish in Jacques Cousteau Reserve in New Jersey