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Letter from the editor

Photo contest set for anniversary issue

It is difficult to believe, but soon we will be celebrating *Meadowlark's* fifth anniversary. That means we will have published five complete volumes or 20 issues. I have been overwhelmed with the wonderful volunteer spirit among Illinois birders. Not only can you folks bird well, but you can also write and draw well and take great photographs.

To thank you and celebrate our success - I say our success - because the fact we are alive and thriving after five years is due to all our members, we are featuring an Avian Photo Contest for our 5th anniversary issue: Volume 6 No. 1.

The winner receives a year's membership in IOS for someone of their choosing. In addition, the winning photo will be published in the 5th anniversary issue. Here are the rules and how to enter.

Theme: Celebration! Send us your best photo(s) of a bird or birds that capture(s) the essence of celebration. I know this is anthropomorphizing a bit, but hey, we're celebrating! If you'd like, you can include a sentence on why you think your photo captures celebration.

Only amateur photographs are eligible. No professional photographers who earn their income by taking photos, please. The photo must have been taken of a bird (or birds) in the wild in Illinois in either 1995 or 1996. No zoo or captive bird photos, please. You must indicate date and place of photo taken as well as species name in English and Latin. Other information such as f-stop, film speed, and type of camera used is also requested.

The photo must be original, taken by the person whose name is indicated as the photographer, and must not have been published elsewhere. It must be either a color print or a black-and-white print. No slides.

If you want your photo back, please include a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage for return. If you would like us to keep the photo for possible future use in *Meadowlark*, please let us know.

Photos not meeting the above requirements will be disqualified. All decisions are final.

Submissions must be postmarked by August 15, 1996. Winner will be announced in Vol. 6 No. 1, and the winning photo will be published in that issue. Send photo to: Meadowlark Photo Contest, Sheryl De Vore, 967 Braeburn Road, Mundelein, IL 60060.

Sheryl De Vore