

# Northeast Natural History Video Festival Rules and Guidelines

## Eligibility

The video must be related to some aspect of Natural History of the northeastern US or eastern Canada, focusing on either species found in the region, the habitats they occupy, or their conservation. No videos of pets, domestic animals, or illegally kept or exotic species will be included in the festival. Documentation of species in an artificial, manipulated, or lab settings is permitted if taken in the course of natural history research.

The videos can be simple, minimally edited raw footage, or highly produced, narrated pieces created for a specific purpose or to tell a story, or anything in between. They can be brief clips from a camera trap or longer, crafted narratives, but we suggest a maximum length of around 10–12 minutes so that we can show a wide assortment of videos. An individual can submit up to 3 videos. All else being equal, we will give preference to videos created [in the last 3 years](#). We highly encourage folks to go out and make a new video just for the show.

Videos that include any elements not created by the submitting videographer(s) must include credits (e.g., if it contains background music); videos with copyright violations shall be rejected.

## Categories

Based on submissions, the Committee will create categories, partly to guide the order of presentation at the festival and partly to make sure that we show the diversity of the community and nature in [the Northeast](#). [The audience will be given the chance to cast their votes for best of show in each category \(the Festival program will include ballots\)](#) .

## Submissions

Videos shall be submitted by sending a link to the video on the world wide web to Keith at [keithg@eaglehill.us](mailto:keithg@eaglehill.us) and he will forward the link for all eligible videos on to the committee. Videos should be in a commonly playable format and downloadable. Sending the link implies that we have permission to use it in the festival. Should we receive more videos than can be fit into the allotted time, the NENHC Video Committee shall choose which videos to use in the event. We reserve the right to reject any video as inappropriate.

All submissions must include the following in the accompanying email:

**Title**

**Name(s) of all those created the video (videographers)**

**Contact information (address, phone, email) for all videographers**

**Brief description of video**

**Year video was shot or produced**

HAVE FUN and we look forward to seeing your videos!