



NATURE FIRST
The Alliance for Responsible Nature Photography

2025 Annual Report

January 2026



About Us

Nature First was founded to promote the protection and preservation of the world's natural and wild places through inspiring, educating, and uniting everyone making photographs and videos in nature, empowering them to be ambassadors of the natural world.

A Brief Review of 2025

In 2023 we significantly reduced the scope of our activity as an organization due to funding challenges. So for 2025 our primary focus was maintaining the Nature First website, which is the hub of the Nature First community. This website promotes the vision of Nature First and its important principles for doing nature photography in a responsible way. The Nature First website is also filled with articles about the movement, tools and ideas for members, as well as a member section which connects members across the globe. This website is available in 7 major languages.

In 2025 we were also involved in regular correspondence with people across the globe wanting to know more about the mission of Nature First and how it might apply to them in their circumstances. Some of those we correspond with are individuals wanting to do more and sometimes they are people who run organizations, magazines, or people who are involved at the intersection of nature and photography in other ways. In all our interaction we work to help people see how they can use their own gifts and passions to practice and promote responsible nature photography.

In 2025 we received just \$355 in contributions. These contributions were from 9 individuals. Five of these people gave small donations on a monthly basis. Most of these have been contributing to Nature First on a monthly basis for a couple of years now.

Our expenses in 2025 were just \$628. Most of this expenditure was for the website, newsletter software, financial tracking, as well as a donation to Leave No Trace. Despite having more expenses than income, the difference is fairly small and we have sufficient reserves to cover this shortfall.

This year the Nature First membership grew by another 155 members. We now have 5,919 Nature First members in over 75 nations.



While the activity of Nature First as an organization has greatly reduced from what it was from 2019-2022, its members across the globe live out the Nature First Principles and use their photography for the wellbeing of the natural world. This was our aim from the beginning, not necessarily to grow a big organization, but to see the nature photography community develop a culture of care and respect for the natural world. We're seeing that happen today and hope that the ethos and principles of Nature First continue to be a guiding light to photographers for years to come.

Financial Report

Statement of Activity

Nature First

January-December, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
Contributed income	
Individual Donations	
PayPal	335.00
Total for Individual Donations	\$335.00
Total for Contributed income	\$335.00
Total for Income	\$335.00
Gross Profit	\$335.00
Expenses	
Advertising & marketing	
Website	164.83
Total for Advertising & marketing	\$164.83
Office expenses	
Bank fees & service charges	3.47
Information Technology	252.07
Licenses and Permits	25.00
Memberships & subscriptions	150.00
Total for Office expenses	\$430.54
PayPal Fees	32.64
Total for Expenses	\$628.01
Net Operating Income	-\$293.01
Net Other Income	
Net Income	-\$293.01

Statement of Financial Position

Nature First

As of December 31, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
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Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking - US Bank	8,480.51
PayPal Bank	1,299.66
Total for Bank Accounts	\$9,780.17
Other Current Assets	0.00
Payments to deposit	0.00
Total for Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Total for Current Assets	\$9,780.17
Total for Assets	\$9,780.17
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Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	
Federal Taxes (941/944)	0.00
NJ Income Tax	0.00
NJ Quarterly Taxes	0.01
Total for Payroll Liabilities	\$0.01
Total for Other Current Liabilities	\$0.01
Total for Current Liabilities	\$0.01
Total for Liabilities	\$0.01
Equity	
Retained Earnings	10,073.17
Net Income	-293.01
Total for Equity	\$9,780.16
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$9,780.17

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