



Competition Brief:

NATURE

Wednesday 21 August 2019

THEME

The theme of this competition is Nature.

DEFINITION

Nature photography involves capturing images of the natural world. The intention is to present the image as it was photographed in nature. This brief is based on the APS definition and the rules for 'Nature' photography for the Australian Geographic Nature Photography competition.

What you can include: landscapes, geologic formations, weather phenomena, and living organisms (e.g. plants, animals, fungi) as the main subject matter. This may include images taken with the subjects in controlled conditions, such as zoos, game farms, botanical gardens and aquariums.

What you cannot include: any human elements or man-made objects, e.g. buildings, roads, fences, cages, domestic pets and farm animals. **(These can be included in the "Urban Nature" competition).**

IMAGE ADJUSTMENTS

What is allowed: Cropping, HDR techniques, focus stacking, removal of dust spots, digital noise, changes to levels, curves, colour, saturation, contrast, shadow and highlights, dodging and burning, sharpening, noise reduction, lens perspective correction, luminosity masking techniques are acceptable.

What is not allowed: Apart from cropping, the composition of the image needs to remain the same. You cannot remove, relocate or add elements, e.g. you cannot change the background, remove unwanted branches or change the composition in any way.

BACKGROUND INFO

These sites might give you some inspiration...

- Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year <https://naturephotographeroftheyear.com.au/gallery/>
- Nature Photographers <http://www.naturephotographers.net>
- Patrick Zephyr photos <http://www.patrickzephyrphoto.com/>
- Mikko Lagerstedt <https://www.mikkolagerstedt.com/>

CATEGORIES

There are 2 categories in our A and B Grade competitions. You may enter up to 8 images with a maximum of 4 per category.

1. Prints (colour or monochrome) - Minimum image size 6" x 4"
2. Digital (colour or monochrome) - projected (no restriction on size)

REQUIREMENTS

- Photos should meet the Club's criteria or won't be accepted. Requirements, including correct image naming, are on our website www.hawkesburycameraclub.com.au/uploads/pdf/hcc_competition_rules.pdf
- Electronic copies of prints are to be submitted in JPEG format - please remember that if there is no electronic file you will not be awarded any competition points for the print.
- Remember an image may be entered into one Open Competition and one Set Subject Competition.
- **All images submitted for this competition must have been taken within the last 2 years from the competition date.**

WHEN & WHERE

To be held on Wednesday 21 August 2019 at 7pm for 7.30pm at Richmond Club, Francis Street, Richmond.

ENQUIRIES

Contact the Competition Manager competitionmanager@hawkesburycameraclub.com.au

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