

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Al Goldsworthy

Level: BG

Entry Title: Junco

Entry Number:001.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
8	8	7	0.0	23

Comments 1:

Sharp focus on bird, pleasing composition, good exposure, middle foreground a little distracting

Comments 2:

good composition, fill-in flash; distractions: dirty off beak and greenery bottom left back ground

Comments 3:

Focus of beak good, head a bit soft. Bird quite centred. Dark spot below beak distracts. Maybe more DOF on log at bottom. Bright green leaves distracts.

Comments 4:

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Name: Sherry Southorn

Level: BG

Entry Title: hummingbird-moth-collecting-pollen

Entry Number:002.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
8	7	6	9.0	24

Comments 1:

Great story, good focus on eye of moth, parts of moth are blown out, appears over sharpened and perhaps over saturated.

Comments 2:

very busy; high contrast flower - too big vs moth good focus on a difficult subject

Comments 3:

Too much saturation/contrast makes flower look unnatural (esp in Nature competition). Insect reasonably well focused. Background competes with subject. Composition good.

Comments 4:

Difficult to critique a photo as good as this. Photographer knows what he/she is doing.

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Jeff Strom

Level: EX

Entry Title: Bee-Happy

Entry Number:003.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
6	7	6	6.0	19

Comments 1:

Good exposure and composition, subject the bee is not in focus, the flower in the background is in focus.

Comments 2:

some good lines/composition but subject out of focus, also its flower; good subdued back ground

Comments 3:

Wasp head (centre of interest) not sharp. Too much saturation/contrast makes image look unnatural (esp in Nature competition). Bottom right and left distract. Try cloning or cropping.

Comments 4:

Very good photo. Subject has several areas that are not as sharp as they should be. Crop out fuzzy flowers.

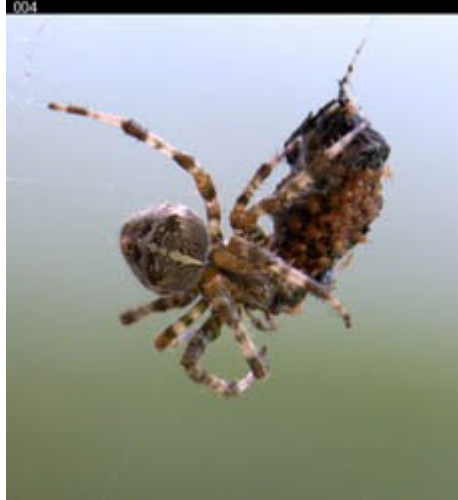
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Name: Kimberly Wand

Level: BG

Entry Title: Cricket-For-Lunch

Entry Number:004.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
7	7	6	8.0	22

Comments 1:

Tells a good story, good exposure and composition. As in all animals the head of the spider needs to be clearer

Comments 2:

quite dramatic; good separation of subject and background - could wish to see the web better

Comments 3:

Depth of field a little shallow resulting in softness of spider and rear part difficult to identify. Muted background helps isolate subject.

Comments 4:

Great shot. Several areas of subject are not sharp.

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Kimberly Wand

Level: BG

Entry Title: Autumn-in-Muskoka

Entry Number:005.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
7	7	7	8.0	22

Comments 1:

Beautiful colours, good exposure and focus, too symmetrical, eye wanders, no clear subject

Comments 2:

rich colours, good composition; could wish it brighter, also blemish at top/sky

Comments 3:

Dust spots in sky should be cloned out. Composition is pleasant but lacks impact. More angle would give more depth to image. Trees a bit dark and look pixelated, but might just be small image uploaded to web.

Comments 4:

Beautiful. Sharp, great exposure.

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Name: Al Goldsworthy

Level: BG

Entry Title: Male-Mallard-3

Entry Number:006.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
7	8	8	0.0	23

Comments 1:

Very nice lighting and reflection, duck draws your attention, however composition not pleasing, too much wasted space behind duck

Comments 2:

good composition focus back ground

Comments 3:

Duck well exposed and in focus. Nice texture on water and helps the duck to stand out. Lighting on back very good. A bit too centred – slight crop on RHS and more space on left might help strengthen composition. More space at bottom would move reflection away from the edge. No need to maintain 6 by 4 ratio.

Comments 4:

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Sherry Southorn

Level: BG

Entry Title: alert-doe

Entry Number:007.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
6	6	7	6.0	19

Comments 1:

Nice scene, head in focus, Too noisy and blown out at the back of the deer, foreground under exposed.

Comments 2:

3 legged-deer?

Comments 3:

Very nice catch! Deer well exposed and in focus. Might be a bit oversharpened. Too bad about tree growing out of deer's back. Bright ground cover pulls eye away from deer.

Comments 4:

Photo criteria is good, sharpness, exposure. Etc. Subject has detractions-ie; only 3 legs, tree growing out of its back. Blur background.

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Arni Stinnissen

Level: EX

Entry Title: Morning-Reflection

Entry Number:008.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
9	7	8	7.0	24

Comments 1:

Wonderful story and peaceful mood, very pleasing composition, small distraction in lower right corner

Comments 2:

good composition, frame focus

Comments 3:

Wonderful to capture such a classic image. Reflection of sky and trees on water adds to image. Can't decide if large trees on LHS help or detract from composition. Would be interesting to play with different crops to bring moose closer. Muted exposure adds to mood.

Comments 4:

Crop out tree on left. Very nice photo.

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Jeff Strom

Level: EX

Entry Title: trillium

Entry Number:009.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
6	6	6	5.0	18

Comments 1:

Nice gentle colours and good composition,

Comments 2:

well composed, good separation of subject from back ground; subject not sharp

Comments 3:

Is it a cultivated flower? If so, may be out of category. Too bright on my screen – flash? Centre and front petal a bit soft needs a little more DOF without bringing background into focus. Bright pinks in background distract.

Comments 4:

Subject is over exposed and not sharp.

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Diane Ferrarin

Level: BG

Entry Title: Buttermilk-Falls

Entry Number:010.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
6	7	8	8.0	23

Comments 1:

Main subject is not in focus, blown out areas no detail

Comments 2:

good diagonals colour

Comments 3:

Very good composition. Nice contrast between trees and water. Blurry water on left gives sense of motion. Pink reflection on right draws your eye to it. Trees look pixelated but might be low resolution of web file. Might benefit from more brightness in water and RHS.

Comments 4:

Difficult exposure extremely well handled

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Hilary Farrell

Level: EX

Entry Title: BLACK-TOAD-33

Entry Number:011.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
7	8	6	6.0	21

Comments 1:

Nice fall scene, eye drawn to moving water, water blurred but not enough to give the dreamy soft look.

Comments 2:

good framing/diagonals, subject interestingly placed

Comments 3:

Frog well exposed and mostly in focus. Too bad about bright plants in front of body. Out of focus plant at bottom distracts. Greater DOF might improve. Bright leaves on right and at bottom make image very busy.

Comments 4:

Nice shot of the frogs back. He is not going anywhere fast. Get face in next shot.

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Al Goldsworthy

Level: BG

Entry Title: Female-Mallard-4

Entry Number:012.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
7	7	7	0.0	21

Comments 1:

Good exposure, focus good on toad's eye, too cluttered, composition draw your eye to the back of the toad.

Comments 2:

interesting range of colour depth of focus; subject seems indifferent

Comments 3:

Duck in focus, but a bit dark and swimming out of picture. Bright water in bottom left and orange on right are quite lovely but take eye away from duck.

Comments 4:

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Samatha Vessios

Level: EX

Entry Title: Swan

Entry Number:013.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
7	7	6	5.0	20

Comments 1:

Colourful reflections, eye is drawn to the duck, composition leaves you wanting to see more in front of the duck and less behind

Comments 2:

sharp subject strongly framed separated from back ground; centring might have more impact

Comments 3:

Swan too far to left. Cropping a lot off RHS would strengthen the composition. Bright line on water along bottom left could be cropped. Swan in focus and well exposed. CAPA might quibble whether B/W treatment is "natural".

Comments 4:

Subject is over exposed. Poor placement in frame.

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Hilary Farrell

Level: EX

Entry Title: CHIPMUNK-33

Entry Number:014.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
7	10	7	6.0	24

Comments 1:

Good detail on the swan's head, composition does not work, too much wasted space behind swan

Comments 2:

very well composed/framed lifting subject from background naturally

Comments 3:

Highlights on coat make the image. Shadows on right side of animal's face detract a little. Not sure that the nose is in focus. Wood on right looks sawn.

Comments 4:

Difficult exposure handled well. Hand of man. Top left corner distracting.

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Judy Hardy

Level: BG

Entry Title: Cardinal-on-Spruce-Branch

Entry Number:015.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
0	8	9	8.0	25

Comments 1:

Lovely indirect light on the right side of the chipmunk, good detail on the right side, too much shadow on the left no detail in the left eye

Comments 2:

good composition/interest

Comments 3:

Outstanding shot. Great composition. Bird well focused. Natural setting adds to image. Could quibble re brightness of bird versus dark snow beneath it.

Comments 4:

Excellent photo. I think cropping top third brings more emphasis to subject.

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Diane Ferrarin

Level: BG

Entry Title: Forest-Rocks

Entry Number:016.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
6	7	8	7.0	22

Comments 1:

Good exposure under the circumstances, subject unclear, if it is the leaning rock, too centered, some areas too dark no detail

Comments 2:

busy scene with several distractions - closer framing might have helped

Comments 3:

Interesting composition. Lovely lighting on large rock provides centre of interest and impact. Good DOF. A lot of work to position the large rock!

Comments 4:

Our eyes read left to right. Large dark tree on left hinders that. Nice scene with no centre of interest.

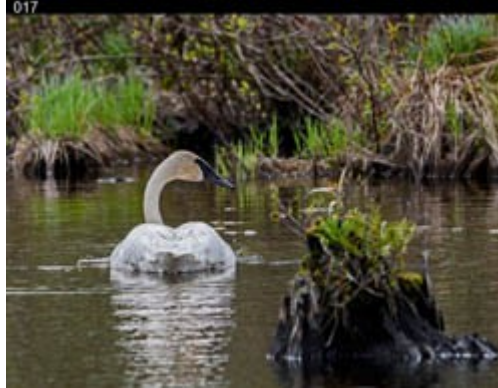
Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Judy Hardy

Level: EX

Entry Title: Swan-on-Pond

Entry Number:017.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
0	7	6	6.0	19

Comments 1:

Comments 2:

interesting potential but foreground is distracting and back ground not fuzzy enough

Comments 3:

Pleasant scene. Nice position of neck of swan. Reflection of swan on water adds to image. Swan well exposed and in focus. Out of focus tree stump competes for attention and detracts from image.

Comments 4:

Record shot. Nothing has been done to make this a competitive photo.

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Hilary Farrell

Level: EX

Entry Title: RED-TOADSTOOL-33B

Entry Number:018.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
6	9	7	8.0	24

Comments 1:

Nice light on upper right mushroom, lower left under exposed and not in focus, subject too centered

Comments 2:

well composed, interesting, background subtle

Comments 3:

The contrasting light on the plant and the dark background make the image. Soft focus, especially lower half of plant.

Comments 4:

Great shot. Could have been better. Take leaf out of bottom LH.

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Sherry Southorn

Level: BG

Entry Title: morning-stroll-fawn

Entry Number:019.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
5	7	7	7.0	21

Comments 1:

Cute deer, but out of focus, legs chopped off, noisy,

Comments 2:

deer/shadows green tinge; deer better more left and no background trees

Comments 3:

Deer stands out from background and well exposed. Focus is good. Maybe if deer was a little more to the left would have it running into image instead of out of it. Plants in foreground are out of focus and distracting. Dark greens and orange in background provide nice contrast and depth.

Comments 4:

Good photo. Space should be in front of deer. Not behind. Give him somewhere to go.

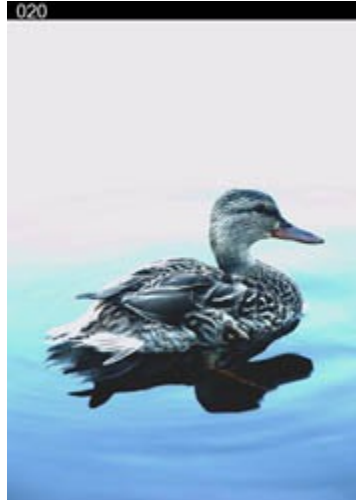
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Name: Samatha Vessios

Level: EX

Entry Title: Duck

Entry Number:020.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
6	7	6	5.0	19

Comments 1:

Interesting duck, some duck feathers in focus, too much contrast, no detail in background, colour seems unnatural, too blue

Comments 2:

very good composition, subject is supreme, background gradient effective

Comments 3:

Interesting image. Too much negative space above the duck? Try cropping a little. Does not have to conform to 4X6 ratio. Cool colors on duck don't look natural, but I like the effect. Focus good. Needs bit more highlight in eye. Surreal effect might be better in the Open category.

Comments 4:

Unnatural presentation in a Nature competition is not a good idea.

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Judy Hardy

Level: EX

Entry Title: Oak-Leaf

Entry Number:021.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
0	8	7	6.0	21

Comments 1:

Comments 2:

good use of diagonals and colour contrast

Comments 3:

Good composition. Colour and water spots add impact. Blurred background helps to isolate the leaf. Good exposure and focus.

Comments 4:

Brown leaf at tip of subject and ones around the perimeter detract. Good time to use camo cloth.

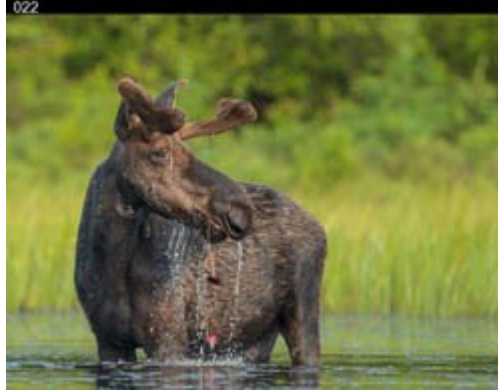
Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Arni Stinnissen

Level: EX

Entry Title: Hailstorm-Bull

Entry Number:022.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
10	8	9	10.0	29

Comments 1:

Amazing capture, clean sharp, excellent composition and exposure, tells a story Excellent!

Comments 2:

well composed/framed, action frozen unexpectedly

Comments 3:

Great action shot! Moose well exposed and focused. Dripping water ensures image is not static. Soft green background adds to composition.

Comments 4:

As a photographer and as a judge, you wait to see such a perfect photo. Congratulations.

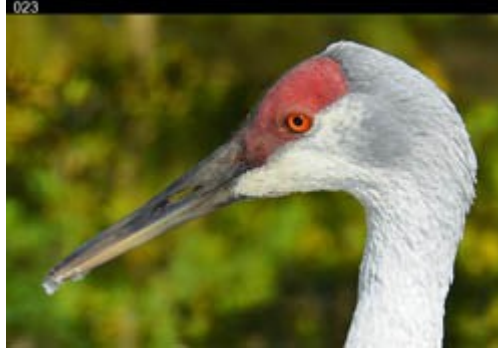
Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Jeff Strom

Level: EX

Entry Title: Sand-Hill-Crane

Entry Number:023.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
8	9	7	7.0	24

Comments 1:

Sharp, attention is drawn to the eye, good composition and exposure, colours natural, some detail slightly blown out on lower right

Comments 2:

very tight frame sharp subject quiet background

Comments 3:

Sharp/well exposed eye and beak. White stuff at end of beak adds interest. Head and neck seem a bit soft and slightly overexposed. Blurred background is a nice contrast to the crane making it stand out.

Comments 4:

Nice photo. Neck is too hot, loses feather texture.

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Arni Stinnissen

Level: EX

Entry Title: Pine-Grosbeak

Entry Number:024.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
10	8	10	10.0	30

Comments 1:

Excellent shot, sharp, great composition, colours natural, good nature setting

Comments 2:

good composition, interesting balance

Comments 3:

A perfectly composed and exposed picture! Bird is very natural – not over sharpened or too contrasty. Soft background works well with bird and plant/snow. Snow in foreground might be very slightly overexposed. Minor point – looks like a dust spot on left above plant.

Comments 4:

Love it as is. No need to make comments for the sake of commenting. Just enjoy it.

Competition Results: Nature 1

Name: Diane Ferrarin

Level: BG

Entry Title: Baby-Cardinal

Entry Number:025.jpg



Score #1	Score #2	Score #3	Score #4	Total
7	8	7	5.0	22

Comments 1:

Good focus on head and feathers, background does not look natural, flash creates too much contrast.

Comments 2:

good composition, flash, good gradient in focus/sharpness, mood

Comments 3:

Flash makes bird sharp and evenly exposed, but not very "natural". Ground provides good contrast to bird, but not very natural looking (reminds me of asphalt). Dark in top RHS distracting – crop a little?

Comments 4:

I don't see the purpose of this photo. Flash or light beam used. Makes for unattractive photo.