

Nature Vancouver Annual Photography Contest

The annual photography contest is held every March and is limited to **Members of Nature Vancouver only**.

All photographs should depict natural history subjects excluding tame animals and cultivated plants. Evidence of the 'hand of man' will be allowed in exceptional circumstances but will reduce the chance of such a photograph becoming a winner. All the entries and results of the competition are presented at the meeting of Nature Vancouver on the 4th Thursday in March.

Members may enter a maximum of ten digital photographs and compete in a maximum of three of the five categories. Up to ten photos may be entered. The photos may all be in one category or spread over two or three categories. No more than ten pictures can be entered and each entrant is limited to no more than three categories. Images created in the computer, such as combining photos, are not eligible.

Photo Categories:

1. Birds
2. Mammals
3. Botany
4. Entomology and Spiders
5. Other Natural History

The subjects eligible for the last category include reptiles, marine biology, geology and landscapes. No photos of birds, plants, mammals, insects or spiders in this category please.

The judges will select first, second and third place winners in each of the categories, as well as a best in show. Only the first place and best in show winners will receive awards.

It is preferred that nature subjects be presented in their natural environment. Evidence of the hand of man will not disqualify an entry but will lower its chances of a win.

Please remember that Nature Vancouver is holding a nature photography competition. **Over-processing in the computer can very quickly transform a good nature photo into something else.** Photographs that owe a significant portion of their impact to computer manipulation not only do not look natural but constitute an unfair advantage over those photographers who do not have such computer capabilities. In extreme cases over-processed photographs may be rejected, in other cases the judges may award lower marks.

Instructions for Entries:

Entries are accepted every year during the month of February. Please e-mail your entries to Ron Long. Contact Ron at 604 469-1651 for more information.

Only JPEG files may be entered.

If possible size entries to 1020x680 pixels. Otherwise any file size that you can email will be acceptable. It may be necessary to send more than one email.

Titles are desirable but not required.

By submitting your photos to the Nature Vancouver Photography Competition it is understood that you agree to allow their reproduction on Nature Vancouver's Facebook page, the Nature Vancouver website, through other social media that Nature Vancouver is a part of, and in the Nature Vancouver publications, *Vancouver Naturalist* and *Discovery*. All photos will be reproduced with proper credit. **We need more vertical shots to use on the covers.**