

Photography has long been an essential tool for protecting our natural environment.

Images of environmental devastation arouse public anger, while photos of adorable or amazing native creatures inspire us to protect their habitat.

That's why Queensland Conservation Council is launching Queensland's Natural Wonders Photography Awards, to recognise and celebrate the power of images - and the importance of photographers - in protecting our natural world.

Terms and Conditions

1. Photographs must be taken in Queensland by the person submitting within the last 3 years prior to Photo Competition.
2. Submissions should not have been previously published nor have been any level of winner in a previous photo contest. It is acceptable for images to have been posted on social media or similar.
3. The competition is open to all photographers except staff and immediate families of the Organiser and people involved in the administration or judging of the Competition.
4. For Entries in the Junior category, the Entrant must be under 18 years of age as at the close of Entries for the Competition.
5. Images to be submitted digitally in .jpeg or .png format, in rgb color space, (sRGB colour mode)
 - a. Minimum resolution of 3 MP 2. Maximum file size 32 MB
6. We place a high value on unenhanced records of nature; The intention is to present the image as it was photographed in nature. Minimal manipulation of the image is allowed provided these do not alter the subject of the picture. The faithful representation of what was captured at the moment the picture was taken must be preserved.
 - a. Focus stacking, multiple exposures and stitched panoramas taken in exactly the same location at the same time are permitted.
 - b. Adding or removing animals, parts of animals, plants, unwanted elements, people etc. into/from the image is not allowed.
 - c. We accept black and white and color images.
 - d. Do not add frames, embellishments or watermarks to the image, they will be disqualified.
7. All images should show respect for the subject and the environment. Images that were made while disturbing or damaging the environment are not permitted. On suspicion of disturbance or damage the image will be disqualified. Images of animals and plants must be taken in the wild, images taken in zoos or fauna parks are not permitted.
8. All Entries must be taken in a safe and lawful location. The Organiser will not be held responsible for an Entrant taking a photograph in circumstances that pose a risk of personal injury or legal implications.
9. A photo will be deemed ineligible if it contains the following:
 - a. Children or individuals appearing to be under 18 years of age who do not have parental or legal guardian permission to appear in photos.
 - b. Photos of adults without their consent.
 - c. If the photo includes recognizable people, the photographer should submit a signed [Model Release form](#) with the entry.
 - d. Addresses, license plates, or other personally identifiable information.
10. The file name of each image must include the photographer's name, photo title or the name of the subject/species, and number(1-5) of the photo.
 - a. Image file name must be in the format: SUBJECT (of photo)_ (photographer credit)_(number) e.g. SANDDUNES_JohnDoe_1.png

11. The Submission Form will include the title, date and location where the photo was taken, the photographer's name, address, phone number, and email address.
12. The Organiser reserves the right not to use any submission at its sole discretion and for any reason. You will not be notified if your submission is not used.
13. By submitting images to this contest, you are agreeing to the Copyright and Rights of Usage outlined below.

Copyright and rights of usage

By entering the competition, the photographer confirms that:

1. The entered photograph is their original work and that the photographer is the sole owner of the copyright. The photographer is personally responsible if the rights of a third party have been violated. The consequences here of will be for the photographer only, the organisers of the competition are not responsible.
2. They have the permission of those pictured in the image (or, where the image shows any persons under 18, the consent of their parent or guardian) and any other person required for the usage rights and will indemnify the Competition Organisers against any claims made by any third parties in respect of such infringement.
3. They grant the Competition Organisers a royalty-free, perpetual, worldwide, non- exclusive, irrevocable licence (including a right to sublicense) to reproduce, amend, crop, edit, enlarge, publish or exhibit the images and/or caption text in exhibitions, in publications, on websites and social media, but when doing so will always credit the photographer. The photographer maintains copyright of his or her image at all times. Unless you let us know otherwise your photographs will be credited as ©Your name. Failure to publish a credit due to error, oversight, or your submission of wrong or incomplete details will not be deemed a breach of this condition.
4. Your details and any third party's personal details will be stored by the Competition Organisers for the purposes of the competition. By submitting to our photo competition, you agree that the Queensland Conservation Council can collect, save and process (including use and disclose) the personal information provided by you for the sole purposes of this competition.

Judging of Entries and Award of Prizes

1. Each valid Entry received will be submitted for judging. Entries will be judged by a panel of judges appointed by the Organiser.
2. The judges may not select images if they suspect that the Entrant has engaged in any unethical practice in connection with the Entry.
3. The Organiser reserves the right to verify the authenticity of Entries and compliance with the Competition rules and any additional requirements published on [the Competition website](#). The Entrant must respond to any request for further information within 1 week. If the Entrant fails to provide evidence or the Organiser determines, in its sole discretion, that there is insufficient

evidence to confirm that the Entry complies with the Competition rules and any additional requirements published on [the Competition website](#), then the Entry will be removed from the Competition and no further correspondence will be entered into.

4. All images will be judged on technical aspects such as exposure, composition, cropping, color, as well as content, influence and uniqueness.
5. The jury's decisions are final.
6. All prizes must be taken as offered. Any non-monetary prize, or any unused portion of a non-monetary prize, is not transferable, exchangeable and cannot be redeemed as cash.

People's Choice Award

Entries to the Competition will be posted on the Queensland Conservation Council website. The entries will be subject to a public vote to determine the People's Choice Award winner, as set out below. On close of the public voting, the panel will collate the results. The applicant who has the highest number of public votes will win the People's Choice Award.

For the People's Choice Award, all entries will be posted on the QCC website for a public vote, as follows:

1. The period for public vote will be from 22 May to 29 May 2020.
2. The public vote is available to any person who registers an account on the QCC website.
3. There is one vote for each registered account on the QCC website.
4. Registered voters will be asked to assess each photo against the assessment criteria and other entries, and vote for the photo that, in their view, has the most merit.