

North Bethesda Camera Club - Expanded "Nature" Definition

"NATURE" BASIC COMPETITION ASSIGNMENT

Nature photography may depict observations from all branches of natural history in such a fashion that a well-informed person will be able to identify the subject and agree to its honest presentation. Images including the "hand of man" (such as roads, fences, manicured lawns, etc.) **will be disqualified**. Any adjustments to the image must appear natural. Color images may be converted to monochrome. Infrared images are **NOT** permitted.

ZOOLOGICAL

Images of animals, insects, spiders, fish, reptiles, snakes, amphibians, etc. Images of domesticated animals such as dogs and cows are **NOT** acceptable. Zoo and game farm shots ARE acceptable provided human elements and their creations such as cages, masonry walls, doors, etc. are not visible. The presence of scientific bands on wild animals **IS** acceptable.

ORNITHOLOGICAL

Images of birds and their eggs. Domesticated birds, such as chickens, are **NOT** acceptable.

BOTANICAL

Images of plant life such as wildflowers, ferns, mushrooms, lichen, seed pods, trees, tree buds, leaves, etc. **For NBCC Nature Competitions only,** cultivated plant life, such as lotus and sunflowers may be entered provided there is **NO** evidence of the "hand of man" (such as pots, plowed fields, cut stems). Other outside competitions would be much more restrictive.

GENERAL

Images of landscapes, seascapes, rock formations, tide pools, clouds, etc., provided there is **NO** evidence of the "hand of man."