



Manx National Heritage
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Nature Photographer competition guidelines & FAQs

By uploading a photo you are agreeing to abide by the Rules, [which can be found HERE](#).

1. You do not have to be a resident of the Isle of Man to enter but the picture must have been taken on the Island.
 2. Cameras or mobile devices can be used.
 3. You may only submit photographs that you took yourself and for which you have publication rights. The copyright remains with the entrant, but the Manx Museum and National Trust (MMNT) reserve the right to use all short-listed images for any purpose (including but not limited to printed materials to raise money for our Biodiversity Fund).
 4. The organisers intend to mount an exhibition of short-listed photographs at the Manx Museum and prints may be offered for sale.
 5. To enter, fill out an entrance form and email it to photocomp@mnh.im. Do not attach the image in the email as the inbox cannot hold such big files; for initial judging photos must be provided in uncompressed jpg format, and can only be submitted by WeTransfer, of which there is a link [here](#). Photos that cannot provide a suitable resolution to be enlarged for the exhibition will not be chosen (specifications below). Please enter photocomp@mnh.im as the destination in WeTransfer for the file and provide your name and title of the photo in the description to match up with your entrance form. Entries will not be accepted unless submitted via the official contest channel. Entries not submitted through the proper channel will be deleted.
5. The categories for the Adult Competition are:
- (i) Plants and Fungi;
 - (ii) Mammals;
 - (iii) Birds;
 - (iv) Invertebrates;
 - (v) Land and Sea;
 - (vi) Underwater;
 - (vii) Macro.

The Junior Competition consists of the following categories:

- (i) 10 Years and Under;
- (ii) 11 – 14 Years;
- (iii) 15 – 17 Years

Each category will have a winner and from those the overall winning photo will be chosen and awarded a prize up to the value of £250 in the form of a voucher card for Morrison Photos Ltd., 54 Bucks Road, Douglas, IM1 3AD. It must be claimed within a year of being rewarded and if the card is lost it cannot be replaced.

6. Short-listed entrants in the under 18's categories will be required to provide written (or email) permission from their parent, or guardian for those photographs to be included.

7. Does your image tell a story? Judges will consider technical merit, content and composition, imagination and style. The judges' decision is final. Only short-listed candidates will be notified of the outcome. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into following the competition except at the sole discretion of the organisers.

8. All net proceeds from sale of prints will go to the Biodiversity Fund managed by the Manx Museum and National Trust.

9. If appropriate, the organisers may digitally modify winning entries to make them suitable for printing in different sizes.

10. This is a competition to celebrate the natural world, so we are not accepting images featuring farm animals, family pets, and/or cultivated plants.

11. If entrants are unable to be contacted after reasonable attempts have been made, the Manx Museum and National Trust reserves the right to offer selection for the exhibition or winning prize to a runner up.

A Few Frequently Asked Questions...

Q. What age range is the competition open to?

A. The Junior Competition consists of the categories: 10 Years and Under; 11 – 14 Years; 15 – 17 Years. If you will be 18 years old or over by close of the competition on the 5th March 2024, you will be classed as an adult for the purposes of this competition.

Q. How long is the competition open for?

A. The competition is open now and images must be sent via [WeTransfer](#) to photocomp@mnh.im and the entry form sent to photocomp@mnh.im no later than midnight GMT on Monday, 4th March 2024.

Q. How many digital images may I enter?

A. You may submit up to a total of five photographs, and they must be all of your own work.

Q. How big should my digital image files be?

A. Ideally, for initial submission, digital files must be submitted as JPEGs, saved at a high-quality setting of at least **3000 pixels** along the longest dimension or **180 pixels per inch (ppi)**. No borders, watermarks or signatures should be included.

If your image is shortlisted for the final round of judging, original untouched JPEGs (with a range of 'before' and 'after' files available on request) will be required for checking. Ideally TIFF files are required for printing but if the images are at least **3000 pixels** along the longest dimension at full

resolution they should meet the requirements of enlargement for the exhibition. Please do not upscale. Files must not exceed 500MB.

Q. Could I use my telephone to capture images?

A. Yes, however most cameras are factory set to provide images at 72 or 96 pixels per inch. Apps, such as [Camera+](#), are available which allow you to increase your image resolution.