

10TH INDIAN ENTOMOLOGIST PHOTO CONTEST

The Indian Entomologist Photo Contest aims to promote insect photography among photographers, professionals, amateur entomologists, and laymen. The theme for the tenth edition of the photo contest was “Insects and aspects related to insect life.” The contest was open from the 4th of April until May 3rd, 2024. Each participant was asked to submit one good photograph that meet a few specified formats, as well as a filled-in application form in which he or she must include his or her details, caption, description, photograph specifications, and a declaration of the ingenuity of the photograph. We received an overwhelming response from 72 participants, who submitted a total of 93 images. The photos were initially screened by Bug Studio associate editors for the prescribed standards and overall image quality and further sent to two independent and anonymous external reviewers to judge the best three photos. Based on the reviewer results, the final evaluation was done by a committee of independent members under the oversight of the three editorial board members. During the complete review process, the entries were assessed based on the following criteria: quality (clarity, lighting, depth of field, composition), relevance of the subject matter (theme, rareness of subjects), creativity and originality. To ensure a blind review, the details of the photographer were hidden, and the evaluators were only presented with the photograph, caption, description and technical specifications.

The following are the winner for 10th Indian Entomologist photo contest

- The first place was won by Dharmendra R. Padiyar (C-83, Laxmi row house, At. Delad, Po. Sanyan, Ta.Olpad, Dist. Surat-394130), who captured incredible photo of kissing bug preying on fly.
- The second place was won by Amrutha V. M. (Alampallil house, Mamnkara, Kamblakallu P.O., malapurram, kerala-679333) for her incredible close up photo of robber fly.
- The third place was won by S C Kedar (S/o C.N. Kedar, 104 mashal Nagar, Bijapur road, Solapur-413004) for capturing a photo of predatory stink bug preying on hairy caterpillar.

Congratulations to the winners, and we acknowledge all the participants who took an interest in 10th Indian Entomologist photo contest and sent their entries!!

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First place: Kissing bug preying on a fly submitted by Dharmendra R. Padiyar from Surat.



Second place: A close up shot of robber fly by Amrutha V. M. from Mallapuram, Kerala.



Third place: A predatory stink bug preying on hairy caterpillar by S C Kedar from Solapur, Maharashtra.