

## SECOND INDIAN ENTOMOLOGIST PHOTO CONTEST

The Indian Entomologist photo contest aims to encourage insect photography among photographers, professionals, amateur entomologist and the layman. The theme of the second episode of the photo contest was 'Insects and aspects related to insect life'.

With these objective entries were invited during June 2020. Each participant was to submit one good photograph which met a few prescribed standards along with the filled in application form in which the participant had to furnish his/her details, caption, description, specifications of the photograph and also a declaration on the ingenuity of the photograph. We received a total from 102 entries which were screened first for the prescribed standards and overall quality of the image. Final evaluation was done by a committee of three independent members in the presence of the three editorial board members and also by an invited expert, 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 was hidden and the evaluators were only presented with the photograph, caption, description and technical specifications.

The first place was won by Revathe Thillaikumar, (Jawaharlal Nehru Center for Advanced Scientific Research, Bengaluru, E-mail id: revathethillaikumar@gmail.com); who captured a twilight congregation of Blue tiger butterflies at her campus.

The second place was won by Alfred Daniel J, (Timber Depot Road, Ranithottam, Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu, E-mail id: danieljalfred@gmail.com); who captured an *Erebus* moth infected by *Cordyceps* fungus during his collection trip at the Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala.

The third place was won by Harigaran S., (Agaram Village, Pochampalli, Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu E-mail id: harigaran6@gmail.com); for his photograph of paper wasps sharing food.

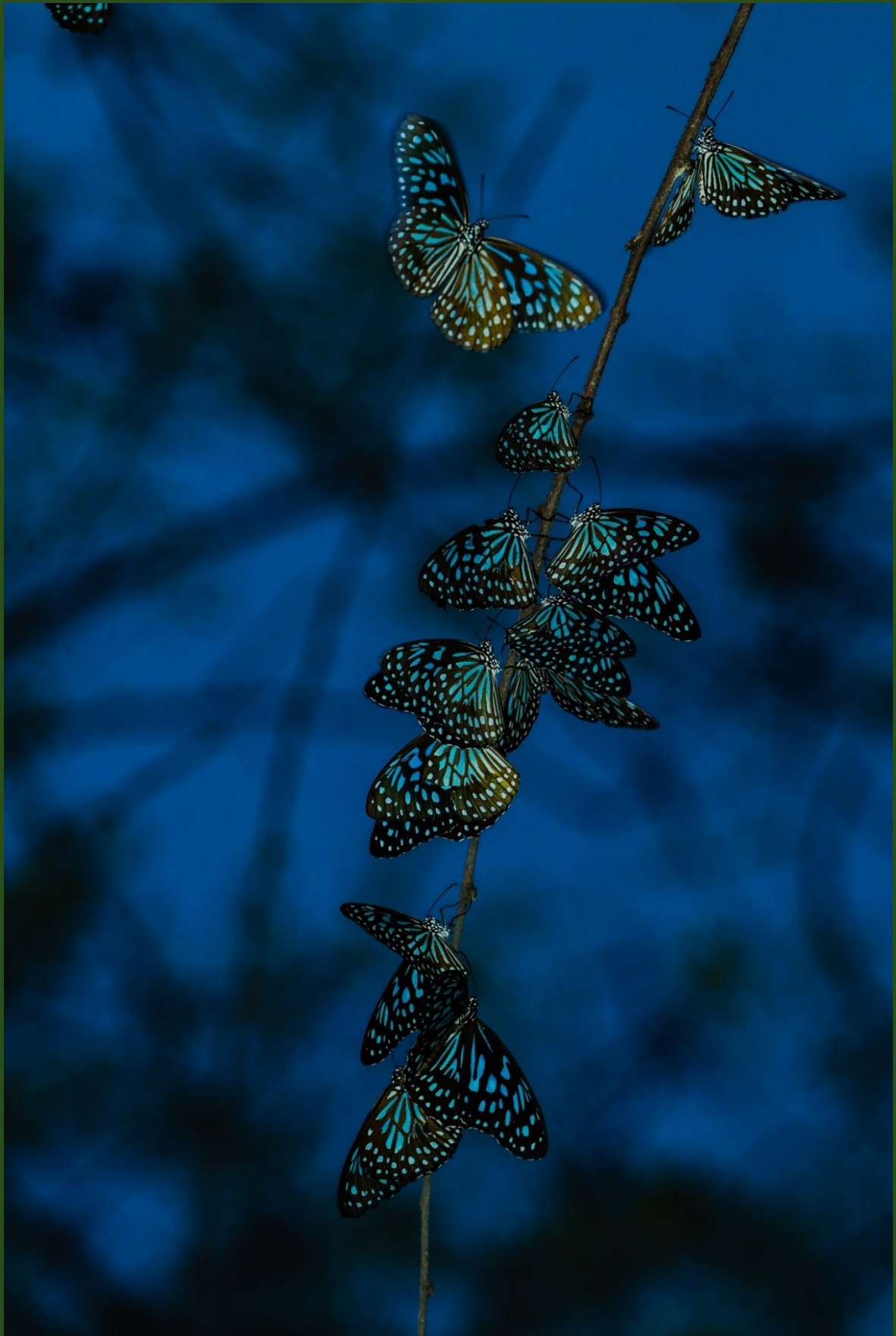
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**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** *Twilight congregation of Blue tiger butterflies.* Bengaluru, 22.07.2019 (Canon 80D with Canon 100-300 mm F/4-5.6 IS USM lens, ISO400, F/5, 1/250, exposure bias 7 steps). By Revathe Thillaikumar, JNCASR, Bengaluru, Karnataka.





**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** *Hey Erebus! Wanna be a zombie? Host a Cordyceps.* Aralam Wild life Sanctuary, Kerala, 11.01.2020 (Panasonic FZ 2500 with Raynox DCR 250 lens, ISO 80, 1/125, F/10, focal length 23.4, Inbuilt flash+1EV). By Alfred Daniel J, Nagercoil, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** *Caring by sharing.* Krishnagiri, 19.05.2020 (OnePlus 7t, ISO 160, F/1.6, 1/100, focal length 4.8). By Harigaran S., Pochampalli, Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu.