**12th INDIAN ENTOMOLOGIST**

**PHOTO CONTEST**

[**https://www.indianentomologist.org/**](https://www.indianentomologist.org/)



**DEADLINE: 31st May 2025**

**In short**

The Indian Entomologist photo contest aims to promote insect photography among professional and amateur photographers, entomologists, and the general public. The best three photos from all entries submitted will be published in the magazine Indian Entomologist, published by the Entomological Society of India, New Delhi. **The winners will get certificates from the Entomological Society of India, New Delhi, India.**

**Who can participate?**

Anyone who is interested in photographing insects can participate. **Those who have already won the photo contest in the last three years are not eligible to apply.**

**What to submit?**

The basic theme of the contest is ‘Insects and aspects related to insect life’.

**When to submit?**

The contest begins on 1st May 2025. All entries must be received through e-mail (entomoshutter@gmail.com) by 31st May 2025.

**How to submit?**

**ONE PHOTOGRAPH PER CONTESTANT** may be submitted in .jpeg, .jpg format through email at the id: entomoshutter@gmail.com

The image submitted should be an unpublished one and should not have been submitted for publication to other magazines or forums including social media groups.

Digital photographs should be shot at the highest resolution possible, however the image size should be less than 5MB.

**A scanned copy of a filled photography information form (Annexure 1), including a declaration that he/she is the sole creator and copyright owner of the submitted photograph, needs to be submitted with the photograph.**

A caption and short description of the photograph need to be furnished in the above mentioned form.

Water marks shall not be included in the photograph.

The photographs should not be stretched or altered to the point that the original features are lost.

Minor alterations, such as the removal of sensor dust, dodging and burning, sharpening, contrast, toning, moderate color adjustment, and conversion to grayscale, are acceptable; however, the software assisted addition and subtraction of objects, including the bokeh effect, is not permitted. Stitch assist modes are not acceptable.

In the event of photographs taken in a laboratory, insectaries, or other facility owned or maintained by someone other than the photographer, a declaration from the relevant authority permitting photography must be submitted.

For a photograph in which a person is identifiable, a statement from him/her confirming his or her consent must be furnished.

**Judging**

Photo entries will be judged based on their quality, relevance of the subject matter, creativity, originality, and overall impact.

**Note**

All images submitted, whether selected for publication or not, will be copyright protected and will not be used elsewhere without the photographer's explicit consent and recognition.

**Annexure1**

**Photography details and declaration form**

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| 1 | Name of the Photographer |  |
| 2 | Name/ number of the image file |  |
| 3 | Caption |  |
| 4 | Very short description |  |
| 5 | Type of camera and lens used |  |
| 6 | Information on lighting (iso, shutter speed, aperture) and focal length (if available) |  |
| 7 | Date and place of photography |  |
| 8 | Baits/ traps used, if any |  |
| 10 | Image resolution |  |
| 11 | Address |  |
| 12 | Phone number |  |
| 13 | e-mail address |  |

**Declaration**

It is here by declared that I,………………….., am the sole creator and copyright owner of the photograph (Image No………………….) submitted herewith to 10th Indian Entomologist Photography contest 2023. No wildlife or the environment was harmed while capturing the photograph. Also no research information of a third party is being disclosed through the photograph directly and knowingly.

Date………………….. Signature…………………

Place ……………….. Name………………………..