

BUG STUDIO

12TH 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 12th edition of the photo contest was “Insects and aspects related to insect life.” The contest was open from the 1st of May until June 15th, 2025. 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 134 participants, who submitted a total of 134 images. The photos were initially screened by Bug Studio associate editors for the prescribed standards and overall image quality and further sent to three 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 12th Indian Entomologist photo contest:

- The first place was won by Raghuram Annadana (20133, Tower 20, Prestige Ferns Residency, Harlur Road, Bengaluru 560102), who captured incredible photo of Parasitic wasp ovipositing into the freshly laid eggs of the Banana Skipper (*Erionota thrax*).
- The second place was won by Vinod Kumar V. K (c/o Nirmala teacher, Basaveshwara Extn, Near Angel wings dance school, Kushalnagar, Kodagu, Karnataka), for his incredible close up photo of Parasitic wasp larvae developing inside a caterpillar.
- The third place was won by Anand Sharma (C-100, Badarpur, New Delhi-110044) for capturing a photo of Mating Robber flies.

Congratulations to the winners, and we acknowledge all the participants who took an interest in 12th Indian Entomologist photo contest and sent their entries!!

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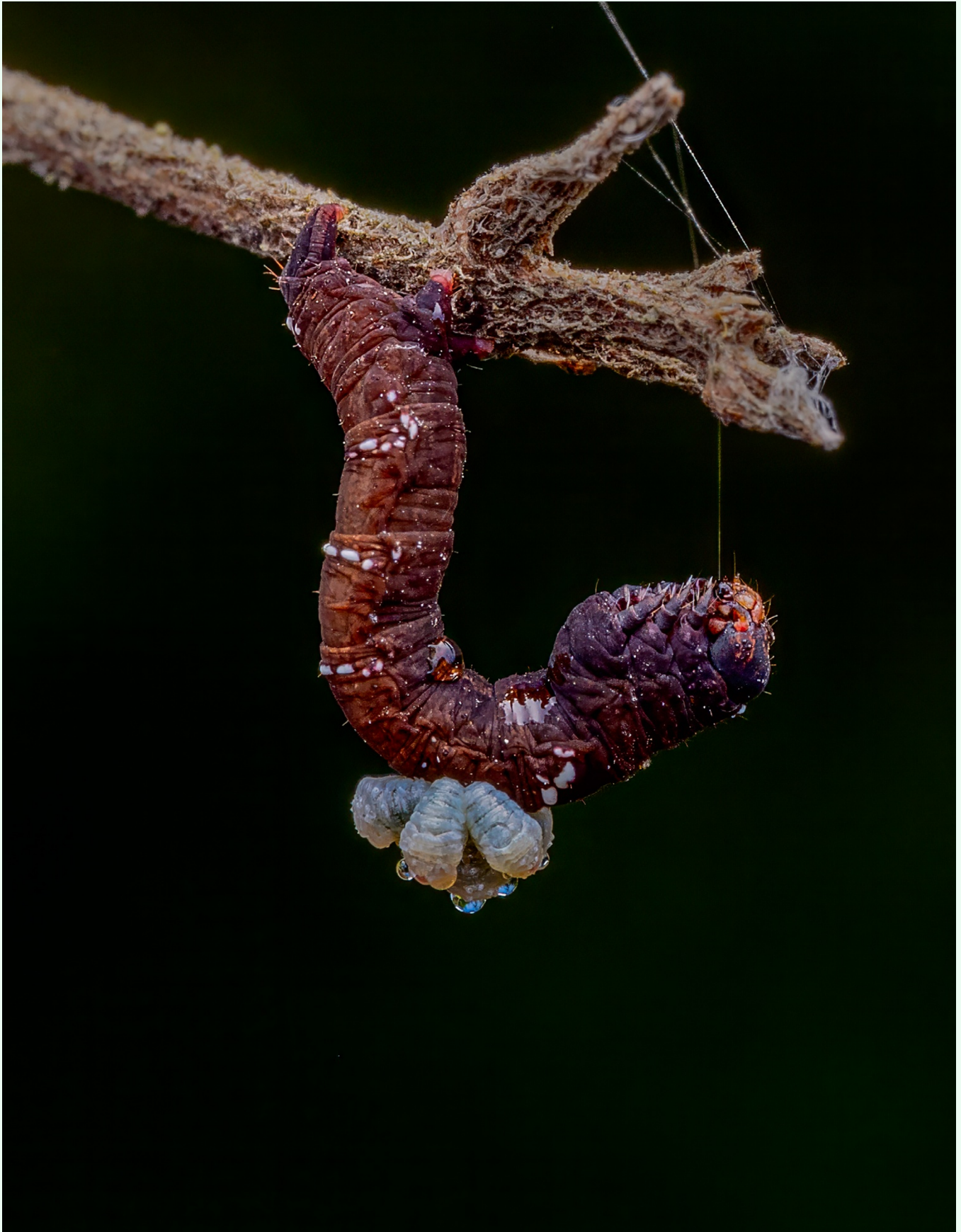
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First place: Parasitic wasp ovipositing into the freshly laid eggs of the Banana Skipper (*Erionota thrax*) submitted by Raghuram Annadana from Bengaluru, Karnataka.



Second place: A close up shot of parasitic wasp larvae developing on caterpillar by
Vinod Kumar V.K from Kushalnagar, Kodagu, Karnataka.



Third place: Mating Robber flies by Anand Sharma Badarpur, New Delhi.