



National Insect Week 2008 Insect Photography Competition

Instructions for Entry

To take part, all you have to do is to take a photograph of an insect or a group of insects and send it to us as a print. Competitors can submit up to three entries.

There will be two Categories for prizes sponsored by the *Environment Agency*:

- **Best Insect Photograph by a person aged under 18** on 31 October 2008
- **Best Insect Photograph by a person aged 18 or over** on 31 October 2008

In each Category, there will be a 1st and a 2nd Prize Winner. Runners-up in each Category will receive a formal letter of commendation (Specially Commended, Highly Commended or Commended) from the organisers.

The **1st Prize** Winner in each **Best Insect Photograph** Category will receive a cash prize of **£500**, and their winning image will be published in the Royal Entomological Society's bulletin *Antenna*. The **2nd Prize** Winner in each Category will receive a cash prize of **£250**.

In addition, the **Riverfly Competition** for the **Best Photographs of a Riverfly** (adult or nymph of a mayfly, caddisfly or stonefly – [see www.riverflies.org for more information](http://www.riverflies.org)) is open to entrants of any age in the Insect Photography Competition. The **Riverfly Competition** is sponsored by *Riverfly Partnership* and the *Environment Agency*.

The **1st Prize** Winner in the **Riverfly Competition** will receive a cash prize of **£500**, and their winning image will be published in the Royal Entomological Society's bulletin *Antenna*. The **2nd Prize** Winner will receive a cash prize of **£250**. **Two 3rd Prize** Winners will each receive a copy of Sir David Attenborough's book *Life in the Undergrowth* signed by the author. **Three Runners-Up** will each receive a copy of Sir David Attenborough's book *Life in the Undergrowth*. The Riverfly Competition judges may also award commendations.

Selected prize-winning images may also be published in *BBC Wildlife* magazine, and the editors of the Royal Entomological Society's bulletin *Antenna* may publish other prize-winning or commended images in addition to those of the 1st Prize-Winners.

Photographs taken with either film or digital cameras are eligible, but must be submitted as unmounted prints – minimum size either A5 (210×148mm) or 8”×6”, maximum size either A4 (297×210mm) or 12”×8”. After judging, the winners and runners-up will be asked to provide copies of digital files or negatives/transparencies, but these must not be sent with your initial entry. The entrant must be the person who took the photograph and owns the copyright.

You should attach a label to the back of each photograph (up to three entries per person) with your full name (and title), age (if under 18) on 31 October 2008, postal address, e-mail address (or contact telephone number), and a title or description for the photograph, declaring which Category (under-18, or 18 and over) you are entering, and indicating whether or not you wish the photograph also to be entered for the Riverfly Competition (or – if you are not sure whether your photograph is of a riverfly – that you wish the organizers to decide whether it is eligible to be entered for the Riverfly Competition). For convenience, please use our official entry labels, which may be downloaded from the Photo Comp ([download a set of three 'cut-out' entry labels for the NIW2008 Insect Photography Competition](#)). The label should be affixed so that its top edge corresponds to the top edge of the photograph. Winners and runners-up in the under-18 Category may be asked to provide evidence of their date of birth before their award can be confirmed.

Send your labelled photograph(s) – preferably in a stiffened envelope – to:

NIW Photography Competition
PO Box 384
WEST MALLING
ME6 9FE
United Kingdom (for entries posted outside the UK).

The Insect Photography Competition was launched on Monday 23 June 2008 by wildlife TV presenter and photographer Chris Packham in Chelsea Physic Garden, London, at the start of National Insect Week. The closing date for the competition is Friday 31 October 2008 – entries received at the PO Box after 12 noon on that date will not be eligible.

The winners and runners-up in the Best Insect Photograph categories will be notified by Friday 28 November 2008. Winners and runners-up in the Riverfly Competition will be notified by Friday 5 December 2008. The confirmed awards will be announced publicly on the NIW website during December 2008.

By entering your photograph(s) in the Competition, you grant the Competition organisers and prize-sponsors a free non-exclusive licence to use the image(s) in their corporate promotion, publicity and publications, and in any promotional material connected to this competition. However, the copyright remains with you as the photographer, and your name as the photographer will – wherever possible – be credited if the image is used.

We regret that we cannot return the submitted photographic prints. The judges' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.