

Nature Division

Welcome to all MCC members. I'm looking forward to being one of the co-chairpersons of the Nature Division along with Walwyne Martin.



If you're a lover of nature as I am, now is the perfect opportunity to compete this season in the various Nature categories — General, Botany, Zoology. We provide a brochure on our website: <http://montrealcameraclub.com/pages/documents/Nature> which provides useful information, particularly for those of you who are just starting out.

Briefly, what constitutes a Nature image is anything in the wild that does not include "the hand of man". For instance, you can take photos of wildlife at a Zoo but be sure not to include any cages or fences. Garden flowers and domestic animals are not eligible but banded birds are. Another important point is that your image titles must clearly identify the subject matter. Searching online may yield results in no time at all. Also included in our brochure are some of the dos and don'ts of Nature photography, in order to protect the ever-increasing threat to flora and fauna.

Wally and I will also be available to provide you with any additional information, or resources you might need. Having won the award for best Botany images for the past three years, I'm looking forward to giving up that title. I need more competition, so get out there and shoot!

The Fall season is ideal for migrating birds, mushrooms, and colorful landscapes.

See you soon.

Ellie McCrea
Co-Chairperson
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NATURE IMAGE OF THE YEAR — 2007