



Nature Division

Welcome to new and returning fellow photographers of the Montreal Camera Club.

This season I will be co-chairing with Walwyn Martin in the Nature division.

A new season of competitions is upon us and we hope that you had a good summer, taking lots of pictures — more specifically, nature images. I would like to congratulate those of you that won awards last year and encourage the other members to stick with it and ask questions, Our web site has great information for improving your skills and knowledge: http://www.montrealcameraclub.com/pages/documents/Nature%20Info%20Book_06.pdf



The Nature division Judging will be different this year, like Print Division it will not be prejudged but will be live judging on competition night.

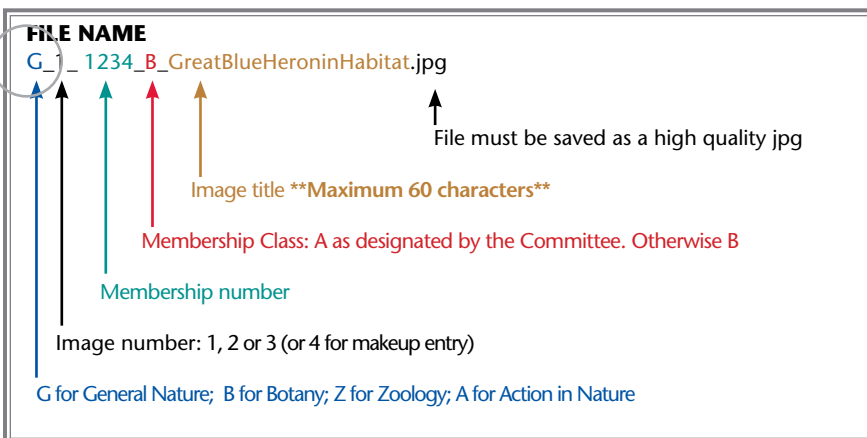
Nature photography does present some challenges not encountered in the Pictorial and Print divisions but these should not deter you from trying your hand at Nature. The subjects are seldom cooperative but there is plenty of choice! Mushrooms, wildflowers, animals, birds, along with insects and even geological features. And the list goes on. Just be sure to identify your subject. Writing “bird” is not enough. Try to find the complete name of your subject so that you learn to identify some of the nature that is all around us. We look forward to seeing your images. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the Nature Division.

To enter images into the Nature Competitions, please follow the directions for entering Pictorial, but note that Nature submissions should be sent to: MCCNature1@gmail.com Please note the “1” in [MCCNature1](mailto:MCCNature1@gmail.com). Again your submissions need to be in the Monday evening the week before the competition

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For Nature entries please follow instructions in diagram below for File Naming



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IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE ARTHUR TARDIF NATURE TROPHY

For the last ten years or so, the **Arthur Tardif Trophy** in Nature has not been won often, because the criteria for winning seems to be too difficult for members to achieve.

Consequently, it was decided by the Executive to reinstate the original rules for winning the Tardif Trophy.

New Rules

They are as follows, and will take effect at the beginning of this current season in September, 2011.

The Arthur Tardif Trophy is awarded to the member having the highest aggregate score for three (3) *Accepted* images depicting **action in nature** submitted during one year. Open to all members whether in Class A or B, it may be won any number of times by the same member.

Please note that for images submitted in the "Action in Nature" sub-category within the Nature Division, the determination of what constitutes "action" shall be made by the maker. It is the member's responsibility to mark said entry as "action". Failure to do so renders the entry ineligible for the Arthur Tardif Action in Nature Trophy. Also please note that a photograph of a bird(s) simply "in flight" does not constitute "action in Nature".

When entering under this sub-category, please use an "A" as the designation in your file naming. For example:

FILE NAME

A_1_1234_B_GreatBlueHeronandPrey.jpg



A for Action in Nature

Here are examples of images that would constitute Action in Nature.



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