



NATURE COMPETITION SUMMARY

Cheat Sheet 2016-2017

Categories:

- Botany** – plants, trees, flowers, fungi, and lichen
General – Specific aspects of landscapes (e.g. wetlands), seascapes (e.g. tidal pools), rocks (e.g. basalt formations), fossils, stars and planets
Ornithology – birds in their natural habitat
Zoology – mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and insects in their natural environment

The hand of man should NOT appear in any Nature image entry:

NO roads, houses, fences or humans. **NO** cultivated plants such as tulips or daffodils. In the case of zoo animals, **NO** cage bars, concrete walls, zoo straw or bedding.

Note: Banded birds, and pelicans on pilings **ARE** acceptable.

Descriptive Titles:

Titles should correctly identify the subject by its common name or its species name:

For example:

- Black-headed Grosbeak not just Bird on a Branch
- White Pine Forest not just Pine Trees
- Red Sandstone Cliffs not just Rocks
- Puffballs not just Mushrooms
- Jackass Penguin not just Penguin

Reference material:

Excellent guides published by Peterson, Audubon, and National Geographic are available at most large bookstores and libraries to assist you in identifying your subject. The Nature Co-Chairs or other experienced Nature Photographers in the Club, as well as the internet are all good sources of information.

Sizing:

Digital images should be submitted with a maximum width of 3840 pixels and a maximum height of 2160 pixels.

Code of Ethics:

Be considerate of your subjects and their environment, as well as your fellow photographers. The wellbeing of your subjects is more important than the photograph.

MCC Website:

For more details on the Nature Division competitions please go to the following link(s) on the MCC website.

[Nature Competition Guidelines](#)

[File Naming Guideline - QRG](#)