

PhotoSCENE 2024-25

PhotoSCENE Natural History Photographic Competition.

The annual PhotoSCENE competition is sponsored by Glasgow Natural History Society and the University of Glasgow School of Biodiversity, One Health and Veterinary Medicine. It aims to promote an interest in Natural History and the work of SCENE (Scottish Centre for Ecology and the Natural Environment, the University's field station at Rowardennan, Loch Lomond), promote linkage between the School and the Society, and provide pictures for publicity purposes. All entrants are thanked for making the effort to enter the competition. This year there was a welcome increase in student interest. There were 29 entrants to the competition and a total of 121 photographs was submitted. Of these 121 entries, 11 were awarded prizes totalling £770 by the judges, Professor Stephen Phillips, Roy Petrie and Andrew Wilson.

Andy Wilson

Overall winner:



Seán Kerr - Spotted flycatcher fledglings (*Muscicapa striata*). Recently-fledged spotted flycatcher juveniles, waiting to be fed by their parents, near Clyde Muirshiel Visitor Centre, Renfrewshire, Scotland, 27th June 2024.

Other prize winners:

These include the photograph by Leo Yokota, which was highly commended and features on the front cover, and that by Rebecca MacArthur, which was also highly commended and features on the back cover. Information on these photographs is provided on the inside front cover. The other prize winners and highly commended entries are shown below.

Second Prize winner:



David Stone - Great horned owl (*Bubo virginianus*), Sonoran Desert, Arizona, U.S.A., March 2024.

Third Prize winner:



Ziggy Macnaughton - Wasp (*Vespula germanica*), exploring the leaf litter, Perthshire, Scotland, summer 2024.

Highly commended entries:



Cate Wynn - Glass frog (*Centrolenidae*) at night under a leaf with its eggs, Tobago, Trinidad and Tobago, August 2024.



Chris McInerny - Marsh fritillary (*Euphydryas aurinia*), Taynuilt, Argyll, Scotland, 7th June 2024.



Maggie McCallum - Dock beetles (*Gastrophysa viridula*), Brig o' Turk, Perthshire, Scotland, 26th July 2023.



Scott Shanks - Redwood (Sequoioideae) at Dumfries House, Cumnock, Ayrshire, Scotland, May 2024.



Richard Sutcliffe - Peacock butterfly (*Aglais io*) feeding on *Sedum spectabile* in a garden in Bearsden, East Dunbartonshire, Scotland, 8th September 2024.



Ean Parry - Emerald damselfly (*Lestes sponsa*), Hamiltonhill Claypits, Glasgow, Scotland, 2024.