



# 2010 'Ecology in Action' Photographic Competition

## Entry Guidelines and Conditions of Entry

### Categories of Entry

#### 1. 'Ecologists in Action'

This category calls for interesting portraits of ecologists in the lab, office, lecture theatre, policy arena or field. Preference will be given to images that provide a good portrait of an ecologist, and also convey what the person works on, or issues pertinent to their field. *Each image must be accompanied by a short description (minimum 200 words, maximum 250 words) that describes the ecologist and their work.* Images must either be taken in Australia or its territories, or illustrate the work that Australian ecologists are undertaking in other locations.

An ecologist is defined as anyone undertaking *ecological* research or management (including conservation and restoration). Note that images or descriptions of people undertaking research or management that is not clearly focussed on, based on, or derived from ecological knowledge or principles may not be eligible.

#### 2. 'Ecology in Action'

This category calls for images of plants, animals, ecological communities, landscapes, study sites, experiments, people, or any other subject that illustrate ecological principals, models, theories, projects, patterns, interactions or processes. *Each image must be accompanied by a short description (minimum 200 words, maximum 250 words) that describes the subject and its relevance to ecology.* Images must either be taken in Australia or its territories, or illustrate the work that Australian ecologists are undertaking in other locations.

**NOTE: Maximum File Size 5mb**

### How to enter

1. Fill out and sign the entry form (available on the ESA website).
2. Each image must be accompanied by an entry form with the image title, short description, date taken, location, camera make and model, the name and contact details of the photographer, and a consent form if required
3. Entry forms & images should be emailed to Paula Peeters at [ecology.action@ozemail.com.au](mailto:ecology.action@ozemail.com.au)
4. ESA membership is NOT a requirement of entry

### Judging

- Images submitted without a short description or received after September 17, 2010 will be ineligible.
- Points will be awarded for both image and context eg quality, aesthetics and composition of the image; and the quality of the description, high technical standards such as sharpness and correct exposure; ecological relevance
- Judging will be by a panel selected by the ESA and the judges' decision will be final.
- Each category will have Judges' Awards (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and highly commended x 2) and People's Choice Awards (3)
- The People's Choice award will be conducted via online voting of photos on the ESA website and facebook page.

### Results

- Winners will be contacted directly by phone or email
- Results will be displayed on the ESA website, Facebook site, and at the 2010 conference as part of the photographic display.

## Conditions of entry

1. Information on how to enter and prizes form part of these Conditions. Participation in this competition is deemed acceptance of these Conditions.
2. The competition commences 28/06/10 and closes 5pm AEST on 17/09/10
3. Each image must be accompanied by an entry form with these details: image title, a short description (minimum 200 words, maximum 250 words), date taken, location, camera make and model, the name and contact details of the photographer.
4. A privacy disclaimer must also be supplied for each person who is recognisable in each image entered.
5. Only photographic images are eligible.
6. Images must either be taken in Australia or its territories, or illustrate the work that Australian ecologists are undertaking in other locations.
7. You do not have to be a member of the ESA to enter.
8. Any person of any age can enter.
9. The photograph must be taken by the person whose name appears on the entry form.
10. Entries must be received by close of business on the advertised closing date.
11. Incomplete, indecipherable, inappropriate or illegible entries will be deemed invalid.
12. An ecologist is defined as anyone undertaking *ecological* research or management (including conservation, restoration and environmental impact assessment). Note that images or descriptions of people undertaking research or management that is not clearly focussed on, based on, or derived from ecological knowledge or principles may not be eligible.
13. Only electronic images will be accepted (including slides or prints that have been scanned at high resolution) in the JPEG (.jpg) digital format.
14. Images should have a maximum file size of 5MB, and be of a high enough quality and resolution to enable good reproduction at 8 x 10 inches.
15. Photographs that have been digitally manipulated or altered will not be accepted. Minor alterations such as cropping and adjusting brightness or contrast are the only exceptions to this rule.
16. Notwithstanding the rights conferred by entrants to the Promoter in Clause 17 below, entrants retain copyright in all original images submitted.
17. By submitting an entry, including the image and the caption, entrants agree to license and grant the Ecological Society of Australia a non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual, worldwide and irrevocable right to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish and display all or part of their entry for the promotion of the Society, without further compensation, restriction on use, or liability. Entrants agree not to assert any moral rights in relation to such use and warrant that they have the full authority to grant these rights.
18. The photographer will be acknowledged if ESA uses, reproduces, modifies, adapts, publishes or displays any images for the promotional purposes of the Society.
19. The judge's decision is final.
20. The peoples' choice award will be decided by the number of votes received for each image and will not commence until entries have closed.
21. Winners will be notified by mail or email. Winning entries will be displayed on the ESA website and at the ESA 2010 conference in Canberra, 6-10 December 2010, with full acknowledgements to the photographer.
22. Personal details collected on the entry form will only be used for the purposes of this competition and related promotion. Your private information will not be given to any individual or organisation other than the Ecological Society of Australia.