

## Entomological Society of Ontario Bug Eye Contest Instructions

### **Prizes for:**

Best photo (\$50)

Best photo of an Ontario insect (\$50)

Best photo by a junior entomologist under 13 (1<sup>st</sup> \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10)

People's Choice Award (\$50)

Open to all Ontario residents, no entry fee

Submission deadline: September 30, 2021

Submit photos to: [esophotos@gmail.com](mailto:esophotos@gmail.com)

Winners announced: October 22, 2021 (or at the virtual ESO AGM JAM)

All Ontario residents, including international students living in Ontario are eligible to submit photographs. Images must be of insects or closely related arthropod species (e.g. mites, spiders, etc.). All submissions must be as a digital files. The judging criteria will be based on: a) image composition; b) visual impact of image; c) subject interest; d) sharpness of subject; e) difficulty of image acquisition; and f) lighting.

You may submit up to 3 unique images, but can only win one prize plus the People's Choice Award. Submit the image file by creating a digital file that is the equivalent of 7.5 inches by 10 inches (19.5cm by 25.4cm), at 300 dpi, formatted as a jpg. Create a filename using an appropriate title, underscore, your last name, underscore, first initial (e.g. dragonfly\_smith\_j). Images may be either "landscape" or "portrait" in orientation. Images recorded on film must be digitally scanned and then edited according to the prescribed resolution (i.e. 7.5" by 10", at 300 dpi) for submission.

Photographic enhancement is allowed as long as it is something that could also be achieved in a real darkroom with a color or black & white negative (e.g. adjustment of contrast, color enhancement, cropping, etc.). However, very dubious enhancements will be negatively scored.

The best pictures submitted will be selected by judges and entered into the People's Choice Award competition. The selected pictures will be posted on the ESO website and on our Facebook/Twitter accounts for the community to vote on. The pictures will also be displayed at the Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of Ontario. If you do not wish for your pictures to be posted in such a way, you can choose to not participate in the People's Choice Award. Copyright for the photo remains with the photographer, but use must be granted for ESO promotional materials.

Please include a short description of your entries (where they were taken, why you like them, etc.) and whether the picture is of an Ontario insect and if you are a child under the age of 13. You must also indicate if you would like to be considered for the People's Choice Award. Do not forget to include your complete address.