



The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

DEFINITION OF NATURE TO BE USED IN PAGB COMPETITIONS

Note that images already meeting the separate FIAP Definition of Nature will satisfy this less restrictive definition.

Nature photography means Images where living organisms are the primary subject matter. The story telling value of an Image will normally be weighed more than the pictorial quality.

Nature includes:

- Images taken with subjects in controlled conditions such as zoos, game parks, botanic gardens, aquariums and enclosures where the subjects are dependent on man for food. Scientific bands, tags or collars are permissible.

Nature excludes:

- Images where people are included.
- Images where the subjects are obviously domestic animals or plants.
- Images where an obviously artistic treatment has been applied.

Processing of the captured image, by cropping, exposure adjustment, colour correction, noise minimisation, dodging/burning, HDR, focus stacking and sharpening, is permitted, as is cloning of image defects and minor distractions including overlapping elements.

Montage is permitted, provided that the finished image looks natural and has not been manipulated "artistically".

In a Nature Event or Category, an Image appearing to meet this Nature definition will be accepted as Nature. The Judges will normally assume that any Image presented to them does meet this Nature definition.

Access to some biological subjects may be restricted. Where that is relevant, then Photographers warrant that they have followed relevant codes of practices and hold any necessary licences.

Wildlife

There are no Wildlife Events or Categories in PAGB competitions. Within a Nature Event or Category, an Image may be considered for a Wildlife Award. Before confirming any Award, the Chair of the Organisers will seek assurance that the Image meets the following definition.

Wildlife is defined as one or more living organisms free and unrestrained in a natural or adopted habitat, photographed as a single Image. There must be no additions or removals of any component part within the Image as it is presented. The Photographer may be required to supply the original Image file.