

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Who is running the competition?**

NPA ACT is organising the competition in partnership with co-sponsors ACT Natural Resource Management, Icon Water and PhotoAccess.

- **Who is eligible to enter?**

The competition is open to *amateur* photographers aged between 15 and 35 on the day of entry.

- **Why has this age range been set?**

NPA ACT set this age range to identify and encourage the interest and appreciation of younger photographers in nature – particularly the unique native flora and fauna in the special places in our region – and to publicly acknowledge, display and reward their skills and commitment. We see younger people as the future champions of our national parks, nature reserves and wilderness areas, and as vital contributors to volunteer organisations such as ours, concerned with protection of the natural environment.

- **Between what dates is the competition running?**

The competition opened on 31 July (World Ranger Day) and will close at midnight on 11 September. Entries received after that date will not be considered.

- **Do photographs entered have to be taken during the period of the competition?**

**No.** Photographs taken before the competition may be entered as long as the photographer is aged between 15 and 35 on the day of entry.

- **Can photographs taken at any place be entered?**

**No.** Photographs must be taken within the Canberra region as defined in the detailed instructions to entrants [provided here](#).

- **Do I have to live in the Canberra region?**

**No.** You can be living anywhere.

- **Is there a limit on the number of entries I can make?**

**Yes.** There is a limit of three entries per participant. These may be submitted to one or other of the three categories given in the detailed instructions at <link> or spread across all three categories.

- **In what form should entries be submitted?**

This is a digital photography competition. Entries must be submitted as .jpg files, size between 1 and 4 Mb. The information to be provided with each entry is detailed in the full instructions at <link>.

Winners may be asked for higher resolution files for producing exhibition prints.

- **Where do I send my entry/ies to?**

Entries should be emailed to [npaphotocomp@gmail.com](mailto:npaphotocomp@gmail.com).

- **Will my files be returned after the competition?**

Files will be returned on request. It is a condition of entry that, while they retain the copyright in their work, entrants grant APA ACT, ACT NRM, Icon Water and PhotoAccess free, Australia-wide, *non-exclusive* licence to use, *with full acknowledgment*, their images in printed and online publications and promotional material. These are opportunities for your work to be shown to a wide audience.

- **Who is judging the competition?**

A panel of three judges with professional qualifications in photography and environmental research and advocacy has been appointed. Their anonymity will be retained until the results of the competition are announced. Their decisions shall be final.

- **Will the judges know the identity of entrants?**

**No.** All entrants will remain anonymous and be known to judges by an allocated random number.

- **When will the results of the competition be known?**

Winners will be notified by email during the week beginning 27 September and announced NPA's website and social media pages on 1 October. Awards will be presented at a function to be arranged for shortly thereafter. Details will be distributed to all participants.