

NATURAL HISTORY DIGITAL						
	IMAGE ID		CATEGORY	TITLE	COMMENTS	AWARD (NA,A,M,H,Trophy)
Gillian Clover		Digital	Natural History	Champagne Pool Rotorua - The Edge	Wonderful rich colours, but for me this is not enough story of the pool and the edge.	NA
Gillian Clover		Digital	Natural History	NZ FUR SEAL <i>Arctocephalus forsteri</i>	A good portrait of a large Fur seal looking straight at you, and nice detail of his fur.	A
Gillian Clover		Digital	Natural History	NZ MUSHROOM <i>Armillaria limonea</i>	Well taken with good depth of field of the fungus, and great that you can see the gills and the top of fungus.	M
Gillian Clover		Digital	Natural History	NZ ORCHID <i>Caladenia</i> sp	Portrait of an orchid looking into the throat at the detail. Nice background.	A
Gillian Clover		Digital	Natural History	RED-BILLED GULLS <i>Larus novaehollandiae</i> - Courtship	Nice action, and the wings are well detailed.	A
Gillian Clover		Digital	Natural History	SNARES CRESTED PENGUIN <i>Eudyptes robusta</i> - Take off	The moment was caught as the penguin leaps off the rock into the sea.	H
Carolyn Hope		Digital	Natural History	Hooker's Sealion female (<i>Phocarctos hookeri</i>) with newborn pup	A tender moment between a mum and the pup. Has been cropped/framed well, but I would have liked to see it a little darker.	A
Carolyn Hope		Digital	Natural History	Southern Royal Albatross (<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>) courtship display	A special time between the Albatross's, and I like the way the right wing frames the other bird.	A
Roger Thwaites		Digital	Natural History	<i>Mycena ura</i>	Red and green are complimentary to each other which is always appealing. I would have liked to have seen the third fungi hiding behind the stem.	NA
Heather Parkes		Digital	Natural History	<i>Orthodera Novaezealandiae</i>	Wonderful detail, and the blue eye can be seen which identifies it as a NZ native.	A
Heather Parkes		Digital	Natural History	<i>Petroica Australis</i>	A wonderfully sharp image of the Robin, but I feel that it is slightly overexposed, and maybe a light vignette may have helped.	NA

Andy Underwood	Digital	Natural History	Egretta alba White Heron	Good action shot of the Heron flying, with everything nice and sharp. Unfortunately it is over exposed and there is no detail in some of the white. One of the hardest things to expose for is white birds against dark backgrounds.	NA
Andy Underwood	Digital	Natural History	Callirallus australis Weka Feeding Chicks	The Weka and her chicks with dried grasses, she is perhaps teaching them to forage for their own meal, I liked the interaction.	M
Andy Underwood	Digital	Natural History	Goldfinch Carduelis carduelis	We do not see many images of the Goldfinch, and this has been well captured taking off on flight, showing good detail in the wings and a nice highlight in the eye.	A
Andy Underwood	Digital	Natural History	Pied Oystercatcher Haematopus ostralegus	Lovely one of the oystercatcher with wings up. Great to see the subtleties in colour in the beak, the eye and the legs.	A
Andy Underwood	Digital	Natural History	Tui Prosthemadera novaeseelandiae	It is not easy to catch birds in flight, especially when just launching off. I like that we can see the Tui's tongue.	A
Andy Underwood	Digital	Natural History	Yellowhammer Emberiza citrinella	How can I not accept this of another bird in flight and showing all the detail frozen in a moment. The background of this one is not as appealing.	A
Rebecca Bowater	Digital	Natural History	Bearded Orchid. Calochilus paludosus	The orchid has been taken from the perfect angle so we can see the full flower and the bud, and all its intricacies.	H
Rebecca Bowater	Digital	Natural History	Morepork	This is a great shot of an owl in its natural habitat, but it has an overall green cast to it, which will be reflected from the greenery, but I feel that it could have been corrected.	NA

Rebecca Bowater	Digital	Natural History	Mycena species 2	Great to see the gills, the stem, and the tops of the fungi, with nice light coming through.	A
Rebecca Bowater	Digital	Natural History	Scree Pea. Montigena novae-zelandiae	This is a good specimen of a Scree Pea, nicely composed in the frame, showing the whole plant.	A
Margaret Anderson	Digital	Natural History	Mammatus Clouds	Ominous clouds, which are a wonder to see, but I feel that there is no where to settle on, and I just go around and around.	NA
Margaret Anderson	Digital	Natural History	Punakaiki blowhole	One of NZ's icons playing at its best, with the large splash captured and the rainbow.	A
Irene Buchan	Digital	Natural History	Red Spider Mite Tetranychidae Genera	I think as the title says, this is a Mite – very small, and the photographer had done a great macro showing all its detail.	A
Dick Campbell	Digital	Natural History	Usnea species of beard moss	Love this bearded Moss, it hangs so gracefully, and it is very hard to have it not moving,.	A
Dick Campbell	Digital	Natural History	Various forms of Ink Cap (Coprinus) fruit bodies	A wonderful example of all the different stages of this Ink Cap. It is like it is melting in front of your eyes. I find the straw bale is very distracting and all too busy.	NA
Dick Campbell	Digital	Natural History	Dew-covered sporangia of Ptychomnium moss species	The moss looks so vitalised with the moisture, and is a true example of the moss, but there is nothing that is really dragging me in.	NA
Jean Willis	Digital	Natural History	Stichaster australis	A great starfish, but I think it could have been improved by having other starfish, or something else in the picture rather than one in the centre on its own. Just does not have enough of the X factor.	NA

Jean Willis	Digital	Natural History	Gallirallus australis	The weka was not afraid of the photographer, and they have got a nice closeup showing the head and the feathers.	A
Natalie Smith	Digital	Natural History	Gurnard - Chelidonichthys cuculus	Super shot of the gurnard with it's fins/wings out. I am not sure how it comes to be on the surface of the water.	A
Rosie Ross	Digital	Natural History	Oyster Catcher with Chicks	The oystercatcher and chicks look relaxed, almost sleepy, but mother is probably on the alert . Good close up of the family.	A
John Coe	Digital	Natural History	Volcanic Formation Akaroa	The Volcanic Formation has wonderous markings and patterns, but this ones does not sing to me. Maybe you need to step back and have a larger view, rather than the bullseye.	NA
John Coe	Digital	Natural History	Cheetah - Acinonyx jubatus	Not NZ Natural History	NA
Alan Shadwell	Digital	Natural History	Coprinus comatus - Ink Cap	Nice fungi, but it is like a snapshot, as you were probably trying to show them all. But you need to get down to their level, and perhaps just show the front 3 and their detail.	NA
Alan Shadwell	Digital	Natural History	Phalacrocarax varius - Pied Shag Feeding	It is really good seeing the shags with something in their mouths and interacting, but this is over exposed.	NA
Elizabeth Passuello	Digital	Natural History	Danaus plexippus, Pupation	Nice detail on the pupal case with the beginnings of the butterfly emerging, which is something we do not see often. Nice clean background. It is a static subject so does not have the hard factor to achieve.	A

Elizabeth Passuello	Digital	Natural History	Mammatus Cloud 2	These clouds have character with them and the big 'bump' holds your attention and then you rove around. Could have been made more dramatic with processing.	A
Ross Beech	Digital	Natural History	Haastia sinclairii.	A beautiful example of this plant, and it is in good condition, but something has happened in the processing and there are green luminous speckles in the shade.	NA
Ross Beech	Digital	Natural History	Shining Cuckoo, Chrysococcyx lucidus	If ever there was an example of a Shining Cuckoo, we have it here with the feathers on the wings looking like gold. I am sure we hear them but do not see many, so not easy to photograph.	M
Ross Beech	Digital	Natural History	North Island Saddleback, Philesturnus carunculatus	Another bird that is not seen often, so good that you were able to photograph this one, and with its beak in the Kowhai.	A
Ross Beech	Digital	Natural History	Whio courtship, Hymenolaimus malacorhyncho	Another bird that not every one gets the opportunity to witness. It looks as if the one duck is having a wash., but maybe it was courtship. The positioning of the birds is not ideal. Perhaps the photographer has other good shots to enter.	NA
Eric Henderson	Digital	Natural History	Bush Weta Hemidiena	What a large Weta, and quite frightening looking. It has impact with the head being so close to the camera and showing all the detail. I would havae liked to see it not so tightly cropped.	A
Eric Henderson	Digital	Natural History	Honey Bee Apis	This is a well lit, and well composed photo of the bee on a flower	A

Eric Henderson	Digital	Natural History	Pied Stilt Himantopus	The pied stilt is moving through the water, and is a good record of the bird, but not a competition one.	NA
Eric Henderson	Digital	Natural History	Shining Cuckoo Chrysococcyx lucidus	I would be so happy to see a Shining Cuckoo at any time and to photograph it, but for competitions, taken from the back end is not so desirable, and the head which is the most important part, has to be in focus.	NA
Eric Henderson	Digital	Natural History	Royal Spoonbill Platalea regia	Fantastic to catch a Spoonbill flying with nesting material, but the light was not in your favour, as it needs some light on the head and undercarriage, but all the same nice light on his wings.	NA
Eric Henderson	Digital	Natural History	Silvereye Zosterops lateralis	Nice closeup of the waxeye, but he probably moved as you took the photo which caused the head and beak to be not in focus	NA
Ganda Dayaram	Digital	Natural History	Hygrocybe off.firma	The gills and the stem of the fungi have been shown up well, but it looks unnatural with the grey background, and the colour is not right. There appears to be a blue cast over it.	NA
Ganda Dayaram	Digital	Natural History	Tui Prosthemadera Novaeseelandiae	The detail and the colour of the feathers of the Tui are shown well, and are complimented by the yellow Kowhai. Nice position of Tui on branch.	H
Ann Knipe	Digital	Natural History	Birds Eye View (NZ Tui)	A very proud stance this tui has on its great feeding ground of the flax, and you can see	M

				the pollen on his beak. Well composed shot which stands out with the soft background.	
Ann Knipe	Digital	Natural History	Perfect Landing (Black Browed Albatross)	As the title suggests, a perfect landing with the wings outstretched, caught at the right moment. Nice depth of field. Good acceptance.	A
Ann Knipe	Digital	Natural History	Pool Play (NZ Fur Seal)	A lovely sharp head, of this little seal pup playing in the water. Looking inquisitive.	A
Ann Knipe	Digital	Natural History	Take Off (NZ Kotuku)	A nice clean shot of the heron taking off, but maybe a faster shutter speed was required, as there is softness in the wings, or maybe a bigger depth of field. The head and eye appear to be sharp.	NA
Corrie van Wyk	Digital	Natural History	Kotuku - White Heron	You have to laugh at this one of the heron having a good shake and fluffing out his feathers.	M
Corrie van Wyk	Digital	Natural History	White Heron - Kotuku	Another nice one of the white heron, with feathers ruffled, and stands out well from the dark water.	A
Craig Martin	Digital	Natural History	Larus bulleri	Fantastic moment caught of the seagull trying to land with the nesting material, and the other birds reacting to it. Nice clean background.	H
Craig Martin	Digital	Natural History	Phocarctos hookeri	Although this might not appeal to everyone, I think it portrays NH well, in showing what is in the stomach of a sea lion, and it is caught at the precise moment.	H

Craig Martin	Digital	Natural History	Phocarctos hookeri & pup	I am really pulled in this one as it is taken so well, sharp, right depth of field, and the baby is delightful, but I feel that if the photographer could have waited for the mothers eyes to open it would have been an Honours. Maybe she never opened them, but that is the luck of the game.	A
Craig Martin	Digital	Natural History	Phalacrocorax varius	One bird really challenging the other for being in his territory I think. Possibly juvenile shags. A good fast shutter speed used to stop the water splash and get the action.	M
Craig Martin	Digital	Natural History	Platalea regia	A pair of spoonbills in their mating plumage, stepping out and fishing. (Or are they roosting with the foot up) Nice detail on their beaks and eyes, and feathers. I like the splash of water.	H
Craig Martin	Digital	Natural History	Porzana pusilla	A Marsh Crate – very secretive bird and rarely seen, congratulations on such a good image and showing their very red eye and green beak.	H
Gaile Douglas	Digital	Natural History	Litter Fly (<i>Sapromyza neozelandica</i>) on Pleated Inkcap (<i>Parasola plicatilis</i>)	The Inkcap is small and delicate, and it is really made by having the fly sitting on the edge. It could have had more cropping, with more emphasis on the frill of the fungi and the fly.	A
Heather Knapp	Digital	Natural History	Kotuku	Great action of the heron attempting to land. There is plenty of detail in the white bird and feathers. I do wonder if it could have taken a little brightening with out overexposing the whites!	M

Heather Knapp	Digital	Natural History	Rhipidura fuliginosa	A lovely little fantail, that you have managed to capture with the tail up, before he flits away.	A
Andy Rae	Digital	Natural History	W.A. Bluetogoe	Not NZ NH	NA
Andy Rae	Digital	Natural History	Katydid Caedicia simplex	The lighting and the detail on this Katydid is perfect so we can see what it really looks like up close.	H
Kim Falconer	Digital	Natural History	White Fronted Terns Sterna striata	The perfect moment of two beautiful terns in mid flight.	H
Kim Falconer	Digital	Natural History	Bumble Bee Bumbas sp	It is not easy to get the bumble bees in flight and in focus, but this one does not make it in this competition.	NA
Joanne Southgate	Digital	Natural History	Kingfisher - Todiramphus sanctus - Kotare	A beautiful little Kingfisher, showing his lovely colours and feathers, good background too, but the iron stake is large in the picture, and the NH bit is the Kingfisher and he is just not big enough in the picture. Maybe some cropping would have helped this one.	NA
Joanne Southgate	Digital	Natural History	Amanita Muscaria	Nice muted colours in this shot, but there is just not enough in focus of the fungi which has been strongly lit underneath, for a Natural History Competition.	NA