



PHOTOGRAPHY

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2027

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ENTRY FEE

£35 PER ADULT ENTRANT FOR UP TO...

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SOURCE: GRAPHIC COMPETITIONS

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2027 competition is open for entries, inviting photographers worldwide to submit their best images of wildlife and the natural world. Organised by the Natural History Museum in London, the competition is now in its 63rd year and welcomes work from both amateur and professional photographers. Entries can explore animal behaviour, natural habitats, conservation and the relationship between people and wildlife.

The adult competition has 16 categories, covering everything from animal portraits and underwater photography to urban wildlife and photojournalism. A new category for 2027, Positive Action, focuses on successful conservation efforts, connections with nature and encouraging changes in how people engage with the environment. The Oceans and Wetlands: The Bigger Picture category now combines marine and freshwater environments. Younger photographers have their own competition, divided into three age groups: 10 and under, 11 to 14, and 15 to 17.

Adult entrants can submit up to 25 photographs across different categories, while young photographers can enter up to 10. The portfolio and photojournalist story categories require a series of six to ten images. Photographs must be submitted as JPEG files in Adobe RGB (1998), measuring 1,920 pixels along the longest edge. An international jury assesses entries anonymously, considering originality, storytelling and ethical photographic practice. Shortlisted photographs undergo further authenticity checks before the final selection.

Entry fee: £35 per adult entrant for up to 25 photographs. Entry is free for photographers aged 26 and under, including all young competition entrants, and for residents of 114 eligible countries, subject to the official rules. Young photographers aged 17 and under may submit up to 10 photographs free of charge.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to amateur and professional photographers worldwide, with adult categories for ages 18 and over, young categories for under-18s and specific age limits for portfolio awards; photographs must be original, camera-captured images taken on or after 1 November 2021, with AI-generated content, prohibited digital manipulation, farm animals, pets and cultivated plants or fungi excluded.

PRIZE

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2027 Grand Title winner can receive a boosted prize of up to £15,000, as announced by the Natural History Museum. The published awards schedule also lists £1,250 for adult category winners, £2,500 each for the Portfolio Award and Photojournalist Story Award, and £1,500 for the Rising Star Portfolio Award. The Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year Grand Title carries an additional £1,500, with £500 for young age-group winners and £150 for runners-up. Other awards include trophies, personalised certificates, selected trips to the awards ceremony in London and publication in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Portfolio book. Awarded photographs may also appear in the Natural History Museum exhibition and its international tour.

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