

RTÉ Eye on Nature Photographic Competition 2023

Terms & Conditions

- 1•Photograph entries to have been taken between 1st January 2022 and midnight on 22nd March 2023.
- 2•Only one photograph entry per person will be accepted. (This is the first photograph entry per person).
- 3•The photograph must have been taken on the island of Ireland (including off coast and on offshore islands) between 1st January 2022 and midnight on 22nd March 2023. Application forms can be accessed at www.rte.ie/eyeonature. Entries must be submitted at www.rte.ie/eyeonature and the deadline for receipt by RTÉ of entries to the competition is midnight 22nd March 2023.
- 4• No animal or habitat should be, or have been, disturbed for the purposes of your photograph, and the welfare of the subject(s) of your photograph is paramount.
- 5•Photographs should not include any images of people.
- 6•Photographs for this competition must have been taken in adherence to any government restrictions, regulations and any applicable legal requirements.
- 7•Without limitation to the foregoing, if your photograph depicts a legally protected species and was taken at or near that species' breeding site, you must provide details of the required licence issued to you by the National Parks and Wildlife Service or your entry will not be considered.
- 8•All entries must be accompanied by a short paragraph outlining the details of where and when the relevant image was captured, the equipment that was used and a line or two about the photographer who took the photograph.
- 9•Your photograph must not previously have been submitted to any national photographic competition (By national we mean a competition that is open to all people on the island of Ireland).
- 10•The competition is open to everyone aged 18 years and older.
- 11•By submitting an entry, you grant each of RTÉ and the Office of Public Works ("OPW")/National Botanic Gardens the right to reproduce, make available and publish your photograph free of charge or restriction in both digital and printed formats, on television, online, in news and publicity articles and in promotional materials, as well as in public exhibitions (including in the National Botanic Gardens).
- 12•Copyright in the photograph remains with the original copyright holder subject to the foregoing licence granted to RTÉ/OPW/National Botanic Gardens.
- 13•By submitting an entry, you undertake and warrant that you are the sole and exclusive owner of the copyright and all other rights in the photograph and that it has not previously been submitted to any national photographic competition (By national we mean a competition that is open to all people on the island of Ireland.) You agree to indemnify RTÉ, OPW and National Botanic Gardens and/or their partners, staff and the competition judges from any injury, loss or damage which results from their use and/or reproduction and/or making available and/or publication of your photograph.
- 14•Upload your entry as a .JPEG/.JPG file attachment to rte.ie/eyeonature
- 15•We encourage you to use the highest possible resolution jpeg image to a maximum size of 150MB.
- 16•There will be just one overall winner decided by a panel of three expert judges from a shortlist of 12 entries that will be selected by the judges from a longer list selected by the programme production team. The programme production team decisions and the expert judges' decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into. The 12 shortlisted entries will be displayed as part of an exhibition at the National Botanic Gardens and may also be displayed at other venues and OPW sites around the country.
- 17•Neither RTÉ nor OPW/National Botanic Gardens accept any responsibility whatsoever for any death, injury or other damage, loss, expense, or liability arising as a result of your participation in the

competition (including for the avoidance of doubt in the course of taking photographs for purposes of entering a photograph into the competition).

18•This competition is not open to staff of RTÉ or the OPW/National Botanic Gardens (be they employees or contractors) or their immediate family members. For these purposes an “immediate family member” includes a spouse, partner, child, step child, grandchild, brother, step brother, sister, step sister, parent, step parent or legal guardian.

19•Use of a false name or address by a competition entrant will disqualify them from receiving any prize.

20•RTÉ (in the case of the cash prize of €1,000 to the overall winner) and/or the OPW (in the case of 12 finalists exhibited at National Botanic Gardens who will each receive an OPW Heritage card, i.e. one pass each, to the overall winner and the other 11 final shortlisted entrants) will endeavour to deliver their respective prizes to the applicable winners within 28 working days of their being selected as winners. Where this is not possible the winner(s) will be notified of a delay. If, due to circumstances beyond their control, the exhibition at the National Botanic Gardens is not possible (e.g. due to COVID restrictions) RTÉ and the OPW reserves the right not to have the exhibition.

21•Unless otherwise stated, all taxes, insurance, fees and surcharges on any prize are the sole responsibility of the winner.

22•Prizes are non-transferable and will only be awarded to the winner(s).

23•Where a prize is to be provided by OPW, RTÉ accept no responsibility whatsoever for the supply or non-supply or purported supply or delay in supply of the prize, including without limitation, the failure of the winner to receive ownership of or use the prize.

24•Where appropriate, prize winners are required to complete all applicable booking and/or other formalities directly with the specified prize provider(s).

25•RTÉ reserves the right to change prize details without notice and all prizes are subject to availability.

26•Acceptance of the prize constitutes permission to use the relevant winner’s name, hometown and likeness for purposes of advertising, promotion or publicity in any media without additional compensation and prize winners agree to take part in such related promotional activities as RTÉ and/or OPW/National Botanic Gardens may require.

27•Neither RTÉ nor OPW/National Botanic Gardens accept any responsibility whatsoever for any death, injury or other damage, loss, expense or liability arising as a result of taking a prize.

28•Prizes not claimed within specified time limit will be deemed to have been forfeited and RTÉ may dispose of such prizes without any liability to the winner.

29•All competition entries must be received by RTÉ in the required format before the advertised closing date. Neither RTÉ nor its affiliated entities are responsible for printing or typographical errors in any materials relating to RTÉ promotions; fraudulent, lost, late, misdirected, incomplete or altered entries; or entries which are processed late or incorrectly or are lost due to computer or other technical malfunction.

30•RTÉ reserves the right to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend this competition and/or vary competition rules at any time without prior notice and RTÉ’s decision as regards exercise of such rights shall be final.

31•RTÉ may in RTÉ’s discretion disqualify any person or photo entry found to be in disregard of these rules and RTÉ’s decision as regards disqualification shall be final.

32•Participation in this competition denotes acceptance of these terms and conditions and any additional competition specific terms and conditions which may be advertised or notified by RTÉ.

33•In the event of any dispute regarding the rules, conduct or the results of the competition or the provision of prize(s) (or any elements of the prize(s)), the decision of RTÉ will be final.