

WILDLIFE QUEENSLAND FROGGY FEBRUARY PHOTO COMPETITION RULES

TERM	The Wildlife Queensland Froggy February Photo Competition (“ WPSQ Photo Competition ”) begins at 4:00 PM Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on 1 February 2023 and closes at midnight (AEST) on 28 February 2023.
ENTERING	To avoid uploading delays, DO NOT WAIT until the final days of the contest to enter. A large number of entrants trying to upload their photos just before the deadline may overwhelm servers and prevent you from completing your entry or entering the WPSQ Photo Competition by the deadline.
ELIGIBILITY	The WPSQ Photo Competition is open to all Australian residents, except: employees, and volunteers of Wildlife Queensland, and the immediate families and individuals living in the same household as such employees and volunteers. Wildlife Queensland reserves the right to verify, in its sole judgment, Entrant eligibility. The WPSQ Photo Competition is void where prohibited.
IMAGES	Images must be of an Australian frog/s shown in its natural environment. Maximum 5 images may be included entered.
IMAGE EDITING GUIDELINES	Before submitting your entries, please ensure your photographs are technically compliant with the image editing guidelines below.

IMAGE CAPTIONING

Images should have caption information submitted with the following:

- Description of the behaviour pictured and the background story
- The exact location
- Species name

Please note:

- **DO NOT** include your name in the caption or on the image itself.
- Keep intact any EXIF details (e.g. camera, lens, exposure etc).

IMAGE SPECIFICATIONS

Entries must be submitted as digital files uploaded through the **WPSQ Photo Competition** submission form.

For judging purposes, submitted images must meet the following qualifications:

- Submitted as JPG or JPEG files
- Images must be 120 dpi, and be a minimum of 1920 px on the long edge, and a maximum of 3000 px
- File size 1 MB maximum
- **No borders, watermarks, or signatures are allowed. Your image will be immediately disqualified if these elements are included.**

For proof of authenticity:

- Original digital camera RAW files (e.g. CR2, NEF, ORF, etc.) will be requested if your image is selected as a winning image. Original raw files must be 12 megapixels or larger.
- Original transparencies or negatives are acceptable.
- DNG files are acceptable only if that is the native recording format of the camera.
- Digital images captured as JPEG are allowed, providing the original un-retouched JPEG is available for inspection.

For printing in all media:

- A full-res uncropped image (preferably TIFF) will be requested if your image is selected as a finalist or winner. This should be an 8-bit or higher file at 300 dpi.
- If interpolation of an image is required for printing, it will be undertaken by the selected printer.

**IMAGE
ADJUSTMENT
GUIDELINES**

The objective is to remain faithful to the original experience, and to never deceive the viewer or misrepresent the reality of the natural world. Localized adjustments should be used appropriately. Allowances will not be made for poorly colour-managed, over-saturated, or over-sharpened images.

All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard adjustments will be disqualified.

ADJUSTMENTS THAT ARE ALLOWED:

- **Removal of:** sensor dust spots, backscatter in underwater images, chromatic aberration, and background noise
- **Adjustments to:** levels, curves, colour, saturation, contrast work, shadow and highlights, sharpening, dodging, burning, toning, neutral density gradients and removing of lens vignetting
- Cropping is permissible in moderation and as long as a suitable high-res TIFF file can be supplied for printing if requested
- Black and white conversion

ADJUSTMENTS THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED:

- Composites and sandwich shots that add elements
- Removing elements from the scene
- Use of the cloning, stamping, and healing brush tools (except for dust/backscatter removal)
- Stitching for panoramic
- Multiple exposures that are not a part of a focus-stacked image
- HDR composites
- The use of artistic digital filters and effects which do not show the scene in its natural way

**RIGHTS OF
OTHERS**

Entrants' submissions must not infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person.

Entrants must not submit images that involve the wilful harassment of wildlife or damage to the environment by the photographer.

RELEASES

Upon Wildlife Queensland's request, winning Entrants must be prepared to provide (within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of said request) signed releases from all persons who appear in the photograph submitted, and/or from the owner of any material that appears in the photograph entry, authorising Wildlife Queensland and its licensees to reproduce, distribute, display, and create derivative works of the entry in connection with the **WPSQ Photo Competition** and promotion of **WPSQ Photo Competition**, in any media now or hereafter known. All releases must be in the form provided by the Wildlife Queensland. Failure to provide such releases upon request may result in disqualification at any time during the **WPSQ Photo Competition** and selection of an alternate winner will be made.

ETHICAL REQUIREMENTS

Baiting of wildlife is prohibited. We define baiting as the use of any means to influence or entice a subject to display or perform behaviour it might not otherwise. Means can include, but are not limited to, food, taunting, provoking. The only exception is the use of bird feeders, but their use must be disclosed in the caption.

Any behaviour that may injure, endanger, or distress any animal is not allowed, this can include habitat destruction or flying a drone too closely. The welfare of the animal must be kept first and foremost. Photographs taken at properly accredited zoos, sanctuaries, or rehabilitation centres must be captioned as such.

If an Entrant is found to or suspected of having violated the ethics guidelines, **WPSQ Photo Competition** reserves the right to remove the image in question, and all images submitted by the Entrant, from **WPSQ Photo Competition** and all prizes awarded will be forfeited. By entering this competition, Entrants agree to maintain the highest standard of ethical wildlife photography.

JUDGING

Photographs will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition and artistic merit pursuant to the following:

- **Originality:**
Unique perspectives, rarely captured moments
- **Aesthetic Impact:**
Composition, lighting, framing, perspective, use of colour, etc.
- **Technical Expertise:**
Sharp, exposure, depth of field, tonal range

The judge is a professional nature photographer who will judge the **WPSQ Photo Competition** according to the criteria above. All decisions by the judge will be final and binding. Winners may be viewed from 20 March 2023 at wildlife.org.au

All entries will be judged anonymously — the judge will not know the names of the Entrants during the judging process. There will be one (1) Winning Prize and two (2) Runner-up Prizes selected from all entries. All decisions made by judge and Wildlife Queensland are final.

IMAGE RIGHTS

ENTERED IMAGES

Entrants retain ownership and all other rights to submitted photographs subject to the following: By entering the **WPSQ Photo Competition**, each Entrant grants to Wildlife Queensland a non-exclusive, irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, and display

submitted image(s) and copies thereof in all media in relation to **WPSQ Photo Competition** in perpetuity. This includes but is not limited to:

1. Judging **WPSQ Photo Competition**.
2. Inclusion in *Wildlife Australia* magazine or other publication of **WPSQ Photo Competition / Wildlife Queensland**.
3. Inclusion within Wildlife Queensland social media sites and websites, including within interactive elements associated with the **WPSQ Photo Competition** and/or the Exhibition (now known or hereafter created).
4. Inclusion in promotional, press, and marketing materials relating to **WPSQ Photo Competition**.
5. Inclusion in merchandising associated with **WPSQ Photo Competition**.

In other circumstances, commercial opportunities may exist for awarded photographers to benefit from the use of their images, such as print sales or merchandise. Where such a commercial benefit is likely to arise, permission will be sought in advance and terms and conditions will be agreed upon with the photographer.

PRIZES

One First Place Prize and two Runner-up Prizes:

- **First Prize** (1 total):
Australian Geographic: Amazing and Bizarre Frogs of the World model/craft kit On Froggy Pond (children's book by C.S. Fagan)
A Complete Guide to Frogs of Australia (Australian Geographic)
A 1-year *Wildlife Australia* magazine subscription
Winning image will be featured in a 2023 edition of *Wildlife Australia* magazine

- **Runner-up Prizes** (2 total):
A Complete Guide to Frogs of Australia (Australian Geographic)
A 1-year *Wildlife Australia* magazine subscription
Runner-up images will be featured in a 2023 edition of *Wildlife Australia* magazine

All winning and finalist images will appear on the Wildlife Queensland website at wildlife.org.au

Each Entrant agrees that, if their entry is awarded, they will participate in related publicity and agree to the use of their name and likeness for the purposes of advertising, promotion, and publicity of the **WPSQ Photo Competition** and exhibition without additional compensation.

Wildlife Queensland reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value in the event the offered prize is unavailable. No substitution or transfer of prizes permitted except as provided herein. In the event there are not enough eligible entries, not all prizes will be awarded.

HOW TO ENTER

- Each Entrant must complete and upload image/s via the **WPSQ Photo Competition** form.
- Entrants must agree to these Competition Rules by checking the appropriate box.
- Photos may be colour or black and white.
- Only digitally uploaded images can be entered. Mailed or posted entries will not be accepted.
- Entrant may enter a maximum of 5 images.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By entering **WPSQ Photo Competition**, each Entrant agrees to these Competition Rules and entry terms.

By entering, each Entrant warrants that their entry is original, does not infringe on any third party's rights, and that Entrant has obtained any necessary permissions from any third party if a third party or third party's property appears in the photograph.

Wildlife Queensland reserves the right to disqualify any entry if it finds in its sole discretion that any of the foregoing warranties are not true. Decisions of Wildlife Queensland shall be final and binding.

By accepting a prize, winners agree to release Wildlife Queensland and its affiliated entities, together with their respective directors, employees, officers, licensees, licensors and agents, and respective advertising and promotion entities (collectively, "Releasees"), from any and all liability, loss or damage arising from or in connection with awarding, receipt and/or use or misuse of a prize or participation in any prize-related activities.

Wildlife Queensland reserves the right to cancel, suspend or extend the **WPSQ Photo Competition**, in its sole discretion, should it receive fewer than 10 entries, or due to circumstances beyond its control, including natural disasters.

Wildlife Queensland reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value in the event the offered prize is unavailable. No substitution or transfer of prizes is permitted except as provided herein. In the event there are not enough eligible entries, not all prizes will be awarded. Wildlife Queensland may prohibit an Entrant from participating in **WPSQ Photo Competition** or winning a prize if, in its sole discretion, it determines such Entrant is attempting to undermine the legitimate operation of **WPSQ Photo Competition** in any way.

Disputes regarding these Competition Rules and/or **WPSQ Photo Competition** will be governed by the internal laws of the State of Queensland.

Return of any prize and/or prize notification as undeliverable or failure of any Entrant to comply with any Competition Rules may result in disqualification.

If, for any reason, **WPSQ Photo Competition** cannot be completed as planned, including, but not limited to, by reason of infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorised intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of Wildlife Queensland that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of **WPSQ Photo Competition**, Wildlife Queensland reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend **WPSQ Photo Competition**.

In no event will Wildlife Queensland, its directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents and representatives be responsible or liable for any damages or losses of any kind, including direct, indirect, incidental, consequential or punitive damages arising out of Entrant's participation in **WPSQ Photo Competition**, or Wildlife Queensland's use of submitted images pursuant to the terms of these Competition Rules. Wildlife Queensland is not responsible for lost, damaged, late or misdirected entries, or for uploading connections, garbled transmissions, unauthorised intervention or technical malfunctions.

Void where prohibited.

Employees, officers, directors, agents, representatives of Wildlife Queensland and their immediate family members and those living in their household, and each person or entity connected with the production, administration or judging of **WPSQ Photo Competition**, are not eligible.

These rules, guidelines, terms, and conditions are subject to change.

PRIVACY

All personal information collected by Wildlife Queensland will be used for administration of the **WPSQ Photo Competition**. In addition, Entrants may receive email correspondence from, or on behalf of Wildlife Queensland, subject to the Wildlife Queensland's privacy policy located at wildlife.org.au. Wildlife Queensland uses

reasonable efforts to comply with the federal Spam Act, and Entrants may subsequently opt-out of receiving further emails by following the opt-out instructions contained in the email.

COPIES

For a copy of these Competition Rules or the winners list, send your request in a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Suite 1, Level 1, 30 Gladstone Road, Highgate Hill, Brisbane, Qld 4101. Requests must be received by April 1, 2023. Rules are also available online at wildlife.org.au.

HOW TO CONTACT US

Questions and inquiries regarding Competition Rules or technical matters, including problems uploading photos, can be emailed to wpsq@wildlife.org.au.