



CANON BORNEO WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Official Contest Form (Online)

ORGANISED BY



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PARTICIPANT DETAILS

Name : _____

ID/Passport No: _____

Email & Phone : _____

Please ensure a valid contact number and email.

DETAILS OF ENTRY [One Photo is One Entry]

Category	Wildlife ID	Photo Caption & Photographer name	Fee (RM)

Categories: A - Mammals | B- Birds | C- Herptiles | D-Insects & Other Invertebrates

PAYMENT DETAILS

Please transfer the Entry Fee to:

Account Name:

SANDAKAN BORNEO BIRD CLUB SABAH

Bank:

CIMB Bank Berhad

Account No:

8005700238

FEE

RM 45 PER ENTRY / RM 30 PER ENTRY

NON-BOBC MEMBERSBOBC MEMBERS

RDC ENTRANCE FEE EXCLUDED

Email your Entry, Contest Form and proof of payment to the Contest Organizers at:
bbf.contests@gmail.com

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the entry is my own original work and does not infringe upon any third party rights. I also agree to comply with the rules and guidelines of this contest.

Signature

Date

Celebrating the Incredible Biodiversity of Borneo!

Borneo is one of the world's most biologically important regions, with exceptional biodiversity and many species found nowhere else on Earth. This contest goes beyond birds to celebrate the rich diversity of Borneo's wildlife and encourage photographers to capture nature responsibly while promoting greater appreciation and respect for wildlife and its habitats.

PHOTOGRAPHY PERIOD

- Photographs must be taken between May 25, 2026 to October 25, 2026.

PHOTOGRAPHY LOCATION

- Photographs must be captured on the island of Borneo.

CLOSING DATE

- All entries must be emailed and received by the contest organizer before 12:00 midnight on Sunday, October 25, 2026.
- Late entries will not be accepted.

CONTEST CATEGORIES

A. MAMMALS

Capture the diversity, behaviour and character of Borneo's mammals.

B. BIRDS

Showcase Borneo's spectacular birdlife through compelling portraits, behaviour and natural moments.

C. HERPTILES

Celebrate reptiles and amphibians, from snakes and lizards to frogs, turtles and other fascinating species of Borneo.

D. INSECTS & OTHER INVERTEBRATES

Discover the often-overlooked world of Borneo's insects and other small creatures, highlighting their beauty, behaviour and ecological importance.

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to all photographers, from beginners and hobbyists to experienced photographers.
- All camera brands are welcome. Mirrorless, DSLR, bridge/superzoom and other dedicated cameras are permitted.
- Subjects must be wild and photographed in their natural environment. Captive, staged or artificially positioned animals are not eligible.
- The judges reserve the right to determine the authenticity of an entry, and the judges' decision shall be final.
- Participants must not bait, chase, flush, handle, trap or otherwise disturb wildlife for the purpose of photography.
- Participants must not damage vegetation, nests, roosts or other wildlife habitat to obtain a photograph.
- Photographs showing wildlife nesting are not eligible for submission.
- Normal photographic adjustments such as cropping, exposure, colour, contrast and sharpening are permitted.
- AI-generated or AI-replaced wildlife elements are not permitted.
- All entries must be the participant's own original photographs and must not have been previously submitted to this competition.
- Participants must submit their photographs according to the official submission procedure and before the stated deadline.
- Participants may submit a maximum of 3 entries per category.
- The Contest Organisers reserve the right to amend, clarify, or modify these rules, or to make exceptions where deemed necessary, at their sole discretion.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- One entry submission is for one (1) Stills photo only.
- Each submission must be clearly identified and captioned, see sample caption in registration form.
- Image Quality: High-resolution (300 dpi), with minimum file size of 5MB.
- Image Format: Digital JPEG format. Entries must include original RAW or JPG image files with date, time of capture, or EXIF data.
- Editing Guidelines:
 - * **DO NOT include any watermarks on the image** (including logos, names, or branding) this is essential for anonymous judging.
 - *Basic enhancements that are permitted such as:
 - Color correction or contrast adjustment
 - Brightness and exposure tweaks
 - Sharpening or minor cropping
 - *Not allowed:
 - Compiling or editing multiple clips together.
 - Adding external audio or effects.
 - Use of vignettes, transitions, filters, or overlays.
 - Any excessive digital manipulation
- Note: Entries that violate these editing rules will be disqualified from the competition.

SCORING & AWARDING

- A panel of judges shall be appointed by the contest organizer.
- Anonymous Judging: Photographs will be judged anonymously. The identity of each photographer will be concealed from the judges during the judging process. Judges will evaluate each photograph following these Judging Criteria :
 - Technical Quality
 - Composition
 - Behaviour/Moment
 - Artistic Impact
 - Originality
 - Wildlife Ethics
- The decisions of the judges are final and binding.
- Judging session shall be carried out prior to the Borneo Bird Festival.
- Awarding Ceremony will be on 8th November 2026 (Sunday). Please refer to the event schedule for timing.

DISQUALIFICATION & JUDGING

- Non-compliance with Rules: Any entry that fails to comply with the competition rules, guidelines, or submission requirements may be disqualified.
- AI-Generated or Stock Images: The use of AI-generated images, stock images, or images that are not the participant's original work is strictly prohibited.
- Offensive or Misleading Content: Entries containing offensive, inappropriate, defamatory, deceptive, or deliberately misleading content may be disqualified.
- Copyright & Legal Compliance: Participants are solely responsible for ensuring that their entries do not infringe any copyright, intellectual property rights, or applicable local, national, or international laws.
- Contacting Judges: Participants must not contact, influence, lobby, or attempt to communicate with the judges regarding their entries during the submission or judging period. Any attempt to do so may result in disqualification.
- Finality of Judging: The judges' decisions are final and binding. No correspondence, appeal, or discussion regarding the judging outcome will be entertained.
- Judges' Independence: The judges are not required to provide explanations, justifications, or respond to comments, complaints, criticism, or challenges from participants or members of the public regarding the results or judging decisions. All judging decisions are made independently based on the published competition criteria.
- Public Comments & Criticism: While feedback and opinions from the public are respected, public disagreement with the results does not constitute grounds for reconsideration, appeal, or review of the judges' decisions.

CONTEST ENTRY FEE

- Contest Entry Fee : RM45 per entry [non-BOBC members] | RM30 per entry [active BOBC members]
- Please note that the Contest Entry Fee does not include your entrance fee to Rainforest Discovery Centre.

USAGE RIGHTS

- By entering the contest, participants give the organizers permission to use, share, and display the photos for promotional purposes.
- The photographer will be credited when possible.

NOTIFICATION

Winners who are not present at the Awarding Ceremony will be notified via email or WhatsApp within three (3) weeks following the conclusion of the Borneo Bird Festival. Kindly ensure your contact details are reachable.