



## 2024 Texas 4-H Entomology Photography Contest

Entomology is the study of insects. Getting to know insects can be a fun way to get outside and study nature, and insects are the most populous animal on earth.

### Objectives:

- Learn about the importance of insects to your everyday life
- Explore insects in their natural habitats
- Identify insects to understand their biology
- Learn and apply insect and natural photography techniques

### Entry details:

Register through Texas 4-H Online by selecting the “Texas 4-H Entomology Photography Contest.” Entries may be made May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 20<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$10.00.

For additional questions or information, please contact superintendent, Blayne Reed at [blayne.reed@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:blayne.reed@ag.tamu.edu) or 806-291-5267.

### Age Divisions as of September 1:

Junior (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades)

Intermediate (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

Senior (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

Award winners will be recognized electronically at Texas 4-H by June 14<sup>th</sup>. Results, judges’ comments, and scores will be released to Texas 4-H and respective county offices following the conclusion of the contest. Awards will be mailed to the winner’s home county Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office.

Prizes per division will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Basics or photographing insects for Texas 4-H Entomology:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAzz\\_lguuZ8&list=PLLBc-PrZSLQcD6dvQKGp\\_MXK5qJJOQoud&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAzz_lguuZ8&list=PLLBc-PrZSLQcD6dvQKGp_MXK5qJJOQoud&index=1).

Requirements for all 4-H Entomology Photography entries are as follows:

1. All photograph collections must be converted from your preferred slide show program into an electronic PDF for judging submission.
2. The first slide of your presentation must include your name, county, age group (Jr., Int., Sr.), email, and phone number in the title section.
3. The second slide should also contain the list of arthropods in your photo collection in order of appearance on the subsequent slides.
4. All arthropods in your collection must be properly identified to the Order taxonomic level. See <https://entomology.tamu.edu/extension/4-h-entomology-contest-guidelines/> for assistance.
5. Arthropods appearing on the Study List of Common Insects of Texas may be identified to the correct common name (not species name) for bonus points.
6. All arthropod photographs must be original.
7. Present one species per slide. You can have multiple photos of the same species on the same slide. For example, a “collection” of 20 species would have 20 insect image slides, even though some of the slides had more than one image of the same species. Photographs may include more than one insect as action shots often can, but the target species (if there are multiple species in the frame) must be chosen for identification.
8. Photographs may not be used twice or for the submission of different species.
9. Adult insects should be the focus of the photograph unless the immature stage is the important stage with pest status or particular importance.
10. The Standard available points for all age categories for each photograph collection is 90 with an additional 10 bonus points.

- **Senior Entries:**
  - Maximum of 20 photographs (20 species)
    - 1.5 points per original photo entry
    - 1.5 points per correct order level identification
    - 1.5 points available per photo quality
      - 0.5 bonus points will be granted per correct common name identification from the Study List of Common Insects of Texas
  
- **Intermediate Entries:**
  - Maximum of 15 photographs (15 species)
    - 2 points per original photo entry
    - 2 points per correct order level identification
    - 2 points available per photo quality
      - 0.67 bonus points will be granted per correct common name identification from the Study List of Common Insects of Texas
  
- **Junior Entries:**
  - Maximum of 5 photographs (5 species)
    - 6 points available per original photo
    - 6 points per correct order level identification
    - 6 points available per photo quality
      - 2 bonus points will be granted per correct common name identification from the Study List of Common Insects of Texas

**Any photographs above the maximum number will not be included in the total score.**

**Latin or scientific names below the Order level will not be recognized for this contest.**

**Insect Photograph collections must be submitted in PDF format in order to be eligible for the competition.**

**Photographs of pinned insects will not be accepted.**

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