

Natural History Prints

Number	Title	Feedback	Result
	B Grade Set Subject		
B1	Apis Mellifera (Honeybee)	Composition good. Initial impact but lacking impact. Incorrectly identified. This is a dragonfly	
B2	Danaus plexippus or kahaku The larvae form of the Monarch butterfly	Good composition with mirror image. Slightly dull, add saturation or contrast. Slightly tighter cropping. Focus insufficient on top caterpillar	Merit
B3	Kereru (NZ Pigeon)	Nice sharpness, especially eye. More space top and left. Colour cast. Attractive stance	Merit
B4	Mamaku	Impression of a fern. Black and out of focus areas distracting. More pictorial than NH	Merit
B5	Monarch	Nice capture. Cropping needed. Detail good. Printed too dark. "Monarch Butterfly"	
B6	North Island Robin Toutouwai	Composition good with pleasing diagonal. Good detail and sharpness. Brightness of leaf and highlight on left slightly distracting. ?slightly too dark.	Merit
B7	Rhipidura fuliginosa or piwakawaka. The New Zealand fantail	Good composition – difficult subject. Head and body sharp. Right half too dark, left too light. Unfortunately photographer has attempted to clone (not permitted)	
	A Grade Set Subject		
A8	Australian Coot (Fulica atra australis) feeding young	Nice soft lighting. Composition good but crop and bottom to concentrate subject and remove distracting reflection.	Merit
A9	Corybas macranthus Spider orchid	Composition and mat suitable for subject. Soft light. Minor point – cropped too close to ends of sepals. No distractions in background.	Merit
A10	Hare's foot inkcaps (coprinopsis lagopus)	Stunning image. Composition great with good angle of capture. Beautiful lighting. Any other competition would be honours, but over processed – not Natural History	
A11	Kidney fern (Hymenophyllum nephrophyllum) or raurenga	Technically well handled with beautiful lighting. Focus falls off a little at top. Some discussion about cropping. Gardening not quite up to standard. Base could be darkened	Merit
A12	Little shag shaking	Sharp. Water well captured. Discussion on cropping. Glossy paper required?	Merit

A13	Mating white fronted terns	Good action, sharp, soft light. Background unobtrusive. More area at base.	Honours
A14	Petroica lingipes	Good sharpness even showing rictal bristles. Centralised, but not a problem. Leaf at bottom left. Square crop suits bird, but tighter crop needed.	Merit
A15	Pukeko chick	Well captured. Soft lighting reveals detail. Light area slightly distracting, but hard to correct. Some action captured.	Highly commended
A16	Ruru (Morepork) ninox novaeseelandiae	Composition attractive, perhaps a little more room to left. Sharpness excellent. Background shows environment without distraction. Soft lighting. Eyes predominant. Some thought a little more contrast needed.	Honours
A17	Tree Weta	Perspective good. Sharp, excellent detail, some action, slightly overvignetted.	Merit
A18	Trichomanes reniforme Kidney fern	Simple composition works extremely well. Background well handled, but exposure has let it down	
A19	Tui on Kowhai tree Prosthemadera novaeseelandiae	Impact. Dynamic composition. Diagonal branch good. Tail cut off not a problem. Some over sharpening trying to compensate for some lack of detail.	Merit
A20	Tui Prosthemadera novaeseelandiae	Composition suits subject. Detail good (tongue visible). Light area in background slightly distracting.	Highly Commended
A21	White faced heron with mangrove seedlings	Great environmental shot with seedlings. Monochrome a good interpretation. Slight cropping needed.	Highly Commended
A22	Wotta Weta! (female hemideina thoracica)	This has wow factor. Detail exceptional. Background striking. Mat shape too narrow at sides – needed deeper base. Fits naming criteria but suggest not using humorous title for natural history	Honours. Winning print
	A Grade Open		
A23	Duet	Good initial impact. Interaction good. Triangle in composition. Halo around man's head	Highly commended
A24	Mannequin Workout	Interesting concept. Sharp throughout. Well framed. B+W suits complexity of subject.	Highly commended
A25	Not for sale	Diagonal shadows lend. Simple but effective	Merit
A26	Two Cloves	Classic still life concept. Stunning quality. Perhaps sprig could be lifted a little in tone.	Honours
A27	Whitebaiters Waiting	We liked perspective. Sky adds interest. B+W entirely suitable for this. One of us thought full inclusion of the net would be an improvement.	Highly Commended