

1st Annual Emerald Valley Butterfly Festival

January 9-11, 2020 Lake Yojoa, Honduras

Photographic Contest Rules

Each person whose registration payment includes the photography contest will need to abide by the following rules.

The categories will include the following:

Adults

1. Best Overall Photo- 1st and 2nd Prizes
2. Most Artistic Photo- 1st and 2nd Prizes
3. Rarest Species- 1 Prize only
4. Property Records (see below)

Youth (Less than 18 years old)

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2. Property Records (see below)

This year's prizes include the following:

1 Package at Hotel & Restaurant EL Rancho; 1 Package at PANACAM lodge; 1 night at Bio Parque Paradise; Books-"Butterflies of Mexico," "Guide to the Birds of Honduras" and more. Additional prizes may be added.

Property Records

A "property record" is any species that has not yet been recorded at Emerald Valley. Although nearly 600 species have already been documented on the property there are still many species still expected to occur. See the Pdf file "Butterflies of Emerald Valley." This can only be certified by Robert Gallardo. Any photo is acceptable as long as the species of butterfly is clearly identifiable. You will *not* be required to submit any property record photos to any of the above categories unless you wish to do so. A copy of the "Guide to the Birds of Honduras" (either in English or Spanish) will be awarded to anyone finding a property record. Limit of 1 book per person. Butterfly books will be available on site in order to aid the photographer in identification and Robert is more than happy to review photos.

The two times slots allowed for photography at Emerald Valley for the 2020 Festival will be from 9am to 4pm on Saturday January 10th and from 9am to 12noon on Sunday January 11th.

- a. Each person needs to bring a blank SIM card to the contest.
- b. Each person will be allowed to submit a maximum of TWO photos for each category.
- c. Laptop computers will be available on site at Emerald Valley if you choose to enhance photos. Microsoft Picture Manager and Fast Stone programs will be available on computers provided by Emerald Valley. Feel free to bring your own laptops. Your submitted photos will be saved on a computer belonging to one of the judges.
- d. The Pro Nature Honduras Foundation will attain the right to utilize any winning photos in future Butterfly Festivals for promotion use only.
- e. Please DO NOT submit photos in RAW.
- f. Only Jpeg photos are accepted.
- g. The original photos must also be submitted along with the enhanced photos.
- h. Photographers are allowed to use flash.
- i. Photographers are allowed to photograph butterflies anywhere in Emerald Valley. You can find a downloadable and printable map of Emerald Valley on the Butterfly Festival web page.
- j. To get an idea on what butterflies may belong to "Rarest Species" category see the pdf file "Butterflies of Emerald Valley."
- k. A photography judge cannot participate in the contest nor his/her spouse.
- l. If there any discrepancies as to the origin of any submitted photo that photo will automatically be disqualified.
- m. All rules apply only to ADULT butterflies; no early stages, moths, etc.
- n. Each person entering the contest will sign a sheet stating they have read and understand all of the rules.

Winners will be announced on Sunday January 11th at Emerald Valley no later than 3pm.

Judges - The panel will consist of no less than three judges. One major factor that will be taken into consideration when choosing winning photos will be those photos that have the LEAST amount of manipulation.

Recommended Clothing - Tennis shoes or lightweight hiking boots, a wide rim hat, long sleeved shirt and long pants. Sunblock and bug repellent.

Rest Areas - There will be ample rest areas in the shade around Robert and Olivia's house. Purified water will be available at all times. Be sure to bring your own refillable water bottle.

Note: PLEASE be courteous and aware of other people around you when photographing butterflies. If you bring a portable chair/stool and wish to “park” next to a flowering shrub, etc. be sure that you leave ample room so others can pass by. PLEASE do not try and touch any of the butterflies. If something very rare is seen Robert is the only person allowed to collect it if necessary. Stepping off of cement trails *is* permitted and all we ask is that you tread as light as possible so not to damage other plants.