

# Butterfly Photography Contest Rules

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Emerald Valley Butterfly Festival

January 5-10, 2021 Lake Yojoa, Honduras

Each person who participates in the photography contest will need to abide by the following rules.

The categories will include the following:

### Adults

1. Best Overall Photo- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prizes
2. Most Artistic Photo- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prizes
3. Rarest Species- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prizes
4. Property Records (see below)

### Youth (Less than 18 years old)

1. Best Overall Photo- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes
2. Property Records (see below)

### Property Records

A “property record” is any species that has not yet been recorded at Emerald Valley. Although over 675 species have already been documented on the property there are still many species that can occur there. During the 2020 Festival three property records were discovered. Property records can only be certified by Robert Gallardo. Any photo is acceptable as long as the species of the 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.

During the 2021 Festival there will be multiple opportunities for photographing butterflies at different sites. Please read these instructions carefully to ensure that your photos qualify for the contest. Robert will be leading the photography group at both Meambar N.P. and Bio

Parque Paradise. Each registered participant will have the right to photograph butterflies at each site on the designated days. If you are **not** registered as part of the international group you will need to 'check in' with Robert upon arriving at each designated location. Those that have **not** purchased the international package will need to provide their own transportation and food while visiting: Cerro Azul Meambar N.P. and Bio Parque Paradise.

Photographic Opportunity Schedule:

Wednesday January 6th. Cerro Azul Meambar N.P.

Thursday January 7th. Bio Parque Paradise, Los Naranjos

Friday January 8th. Emerald Valley.

Saturday January 9th. Emerald Valley-main festival.

Sunday January 10th. Emerald Valley-main festival. Awards ceremony. Butterfly photography is permissible, but no additional photos may be submitted.

- a. Each person should bring a blank SIM card to avoid confusion as to the origin of any give photo.
- 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. We also **highly encourage** that you 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 submitted photos in future Butterfly Festivals for promotion use only.
- e. Please DO NOT submit photos in RAW. Only Jpeg photos are accepted.
- f. The original photos must also be submitted along with the enhanced photos.
- g. Participants are allowed to photograph butterflies anywhere in Emerald Valley as well as at PANACAM and Bio Parque Paradise only on the days stipulated in the schedule.
- h. A photography judge cannot participate in the contest.
- i. If there any discrepancies as to the origin of any submitted photo that photo will automatically be disqualified.
- j. All rules apply only to ADULT butterflies; no early stages, moths, etc.

Winners will be announced on Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup> at Emerald Valley no later than 2pm.

Judges-The panel will consist of no less than four judges.

We will be obeying any bio-security regulations set by the government at the time of the event.

