

## Watermead Country Park Photographic Competition Rules 2008

### Judges

**Danny Green**, Award winning local wildlife photographer, (Overall winner of International wildbird photographer award 2007 and winner of the Urban and Garden Shell Wildlife photographer of the year 2007)

**Roger Rixon**, Leicestershire County Council photographer

**Rosemary Mills**, Country Parks Manager

**Andrew Rorison**, Country Parks Development Officer

**Dale Osborne**, Watermead Senior Ranger

**Jennifer Charles**, Watermead Ranger

**Closing date for entries is 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2008.**

### Categories

**Landscapes**

**Birds**

**All other wildlife**

### Prizes

1<sup>st</sup> prize Watermead Photographer of the year 2008 (overall winner). Half day individual tuition with Danny Green (award winning wildlife photographer), plus a Country Park Season Ticket for a year.

### Category winners

Winners of individual categories will each receive a £10 gift voucher from Jessops plus a Country Park Season Ticket for a year.

### Results

Results will be announced on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September at Watermead Country Park. Photographs will be displayed at Syston, Thurmaston and Birstall Libraries thereafter. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into thereafter.

### Rules

#### Entry Fee

The Entry Fee is **£5.00 per picture**. We will not process your entry unless we receive a correctly completed entry form and appropriate fee. The completed entry form and fee (to be paid by cheque/postal order to Leicestershire County Council), must be sent to Watermead Photographic Competition, Watermead Country Park, Rangers Office, Fillingate, Wanlip, Leicester, LE7 8PF.

Leicestershire County Council retains the right to use Competition entries for promotional purposes.

Entries must be digital images, taken during the three years immediately prior to the closing date. Scans or prints are not permitted. No picture may be entered in more than one category. Series shots are not allowed; please submit one image from any series. You can crop images before submission, but please ensure the image quality is maintained.

By signing the entry form, the exhibitor agrees to allow Leicestershire County Council to sell up to 20 prints of the entered image, during a period of 6 months from the date of the Competition. The prints will be sold at £15 each and the exhibitor will receive 50% of the proceeds, the balance being used to defray print, handling and administration costs. Profits from these sales will be used to support ongoing conservation initiatives at Watermead Country Park.

### **Digital guidelines**

#### **Format**

All images shall be stored on one CD/DVD compatible with a Windows-based PC.

#### **Submission**

Images should be submitted at their native resolution with no interpolation applied. Scans or prints are not permitted. Images should be supplied as JPEGs at the highest possible quality setting (eg 12 in Photoshop or 300dpi, suitable for reproduction at A4 size).

#### **Adjustments**

Image adjustments are only acceptable if limited to minor cleaning work, levels, curves, colour, saturation and contrast work. The faithful representation of what you saw at the time of the shot being taken must be maintained. Sandwich shots, double exposures, photographs which consist in any way of more than one separate image and images that have been digitally manipulated are not allowed. Compositing and multiple exposures are not allowed. You may only sharpen and crop the image.

#### **Labelling of CD/DVDs for submission**

The CD/DVD should be clearly printed with your name, the category title and the key subject in an appropriate indelible marker. The CD case should display your name and address.

#### **Liability**

All entries are sent at the photographer's risk. It is with regret we cannot accept liability for any loss or damage of any images entered in the competition (howsoever caused) or for any other loss or damage resulting therefrom. We cannot return any CD/DVDs or printed images.