

BSBI Photographic Competition 2025

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Competition Categories

In 2025, the Photographic Competition's three categories will be:

- Intrepid: finding plants in wild places
- Inquisitive: up close with diagnostic features
- Inclusive: sharing plants with others

Competition Rules

1. The competition is free to enter and open to all amateur photographers – whether BSBI member or not. No BSBI staff, officers, or anyone involved with organising the Photographic Competition may enter.
2. Photographs must be taken in Britain or Ireland but do not have to be taken in year; you may select images from your back-catalogue.
3. You may enter up to **one image per category** but you do not have to enter all categories.
4. Normal BSBI [recording rules](#) apply to the plants you photograph - the species may be of any native or alien flowering plants, conifers, ferns, horsetails, club-mosses or stoneworts growing **in the wild** (i.e., anywhere outside private gardens).
5. Please entitled photographs using this format exactly: Common name (Scientific name) location by photographer's name and competition category, e.g., "Daisy (*Bellis perennis*), Kent by John Smith_Plants and People.jpg"
6. Photos should have a suitably high resolution.
7. Note that photos may appear in various printed formats; this includes during the voting stage where they may be cropped if not formatted to be printed at 5 x 5 inches or 5 x 7 inches.
8. Images that do not conform to competition rules will be disregarded.
9. The winners will be selected by a popular vote of those attending our autumn conferences or as intimated meanwhile.
10. Winners will receive a book token from the competition sponsors, [Summerfield Books](#).
11. The competition is now open. The deadline is Friday 24 October 2025.
12. Submission is via the form available from the photographic competition page.
13. Please check that you have permission to submit the photo from any other person who appears in it. Submission will be taken as agreement of permission.
14. Copyright of images will remain with the photographer.
15. However, the BSBI claims the right to exhibit the entries, and to use them to further its aims generally and to promote the BSBI and its Photographic Competition, including via partner organisations. This includes publishing them in its publications, on the BSBI website and social media, and in using them for illustrative purposes in press releases that may be used by other media outlets. Published photographs will be credited wherever possible.
16. The BSBI also claims the right to edit or use images in combination with others.

Happy snapping!