



2024-2025 ENTOMOLOGY ID AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Take and submit photos of interesting, unique, colorful, bold, and interesting Texas insects that depict their natural habitat. Photo subject should include a clear picture of the insect so that identification can be verified.

Entry Requirements

- Open to enrolled District 5 Clover Kids, 4-H members, and adults.
- Register to participate through 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com>
- 4-H member and adult Contest Fee – Flat fee of \$10 per contestant (no per photo fee). NO LATE ENTRIES accepted.
- Clover Kids – no fee to participate.
- All photographs will be uploaded in a PowerPoint slide show and emailed to the contest chair.

Clover Kid Participation

- District 5 Clover Kids that have a 4-H profile in 4HOnline can show off their photography skills.
- Same entrance requirements and categories as 4-H youth.
- The Clover Kid photography exhibit will be shown at Come Alive in D5 on April 26, 2025.
- All registered participants will receive a participation ribbon.

Adult Contest Participation

- District 5 adults (parents, volunteers, and agents) that have a 4-H profile in 4HOnline can show off their photography skills.
- Same entrance requirements and categories as 4-H youth.
- Show off your photography skills for District 5 “bragging rights!”

District Deadlines

OPEN TO ENROLLED DISTRICT 5 4-H MEMBERS, CLOVER KIDS AND ADULTS

Register at v2.4honline.com
 \$10 entry fee
 Clover Kids are free
 October 7, 2024 - February 28, 2025

UPLOAD TEXAS INSECT PHOTOS BY MARCH 7TH VIA EMAIL WITH POWERPOINT SLIDE SHOW

Complete District Contest Rules at D54h.tamu.edu

How Entomology ID & Photography Contest Works

- Take and submit photos of up to 10 different adult insects found in Texas
- Earn points by correctly identifying insect by common name and ORDER
- Photos judged on quality, originality, and insect in its habitat
- Earn points for scientific name
- Ribbons awarded for each age division
- Results announced at **Come Alive in D5** on April 26, 2025

CATEGORIES

- Butterfly and moth
- Spiders
- Bee and Wasp
- True Bugs
- Grasshopper, Crickets and Katydid
- Dragonfly and Damselfly
- Beetle
- Termites, Ants and Silverfish
- Walking Stick and Praying Mantis
- Mosquito, Flea and Fly

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT FOR INFORMATION

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Step 1: Register to participate on 4HOnline between **October 7, 2024 and February 28, 2025**. NO late registration.

Step 2: Email photographs in a PowerPoint slide show with the specified format no later than **March 7, 2025**. NO late uploads.

Awards and Exhibit

- The 2024-2025 Photography Show will be broadcast via PowerPoint during Come Alive in D5 on Saturday, April 26th, in the auditorium.
 - 1st – 3rd place in each age division and each category will be presented a ribbon by their County Extension Agent after the show.
 - Ribbons will be awarded based upon numerical score (blue 81-100, red 51-80, white 31-50, green 30 and below).
 - A Best of Age Division award will be selected from photographs in each age division (one per Junior, Intermediate, and Senior).
 - A Best of Overall Show will be selected from all photographs submitted.
 - Best of Age Division and Overall Show photographs will be on display during Come Alive in D5.
 - Clover Kids will receive participation ribbons.
- Entry via 4HOnline gives permission to the District office to use the participant's name and photograph for marketing and promotion purposes.

Come Alive in D5 Location

- Panola College, 1109 W. Panola Street, Carthage, TX 75633

Special Accommodations

- Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the District office at least 2 weeks before the competition or note such needs when registering on 4HOnline.

Contest Information

- Individual event
- Identification of adult insect by common name in the natural habitat of insect.
- Contest based upon categories listed on page 4

Submission of Photographs

Photos are to be uploaded as part of a PowerPoint presentation. Feel free to express your creativity. You may have one photo submission per slide or combination of photos on slides. See Labeling PowerPoint Slide Show for complete guidelines. Email your slide show to Shaniqua Davis at shaniqua.davis@ag.tamu.edu by the deadline listed above.

Judging Rules

- Submit photographs of different species of insects in their natural habitat (see number of entries below).
- Judging will be based upon age division and the following components:

- Correct identification of insect (common name) based upon photograph of insect (0-1 point).
- Correct identification of insect (Order name) (0-1 point).
- One point for the correct genus and one point for the correct species name will be awarded (point range 0 – 2).
- Photo entries will be judged based on creativity, quality, originality, and overall expression of insect in its natural habitat (point range 0 – 6).
- **Up to 10 total points per picture can be awarded for a total of 100 points if all 10 photos are uploaded.**

1. Photograph Timeline

- Photographs must have been taken by the 4-H member between January 1, 2024 and time of entry.
- Photographs may be submitted only one time to the District 5 4-H Entomology Photography contest.

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- ### 2. Number of photographs
- Each participant may submit **one photograph** in each category for a total of 10 photographs. Each photograph may be only be entered by one participant (cannot share photographs with another person to enter).

3. Formatting Photographs

- Photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible.
- Photo must be in a .jpeg or .jpg or .gif format
- Photo must be a minimum of 1 MB (1,000 KB) and a maximum of 20 MB.

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4. Format of PowerPoint Slide Show

- The first slide in the show should showcase the name of the photographer, age division, and county.
- Each photograph within the slide show will need to be clearly labeled with the category, common name, Order, and Genus and Species of each insect.

Example submission:

Category: Butterfly and Moth

Common name: Monarch Butterfly

Order: Lepidoptera

Scientific name: *Danaus plexippus*



5. Categories

Butterfly or Moth	Dragonfly or damselfly
Beetle	Walking stick or praying mantis
Spiders	Mosquito, Flea or Fly
Grasshopper, Cricket or Katydid	Termites, Ants or Silverfish
Bee or Wasp	True Bugs

6. Black and white pictures and color pictures will be judged together.

7. Permission

- By submitting an entry to this contest, the 4-H member grants permission to D5 4-H Youth Development Program, and any other public or private agency authorized by the Program, the use and rights associated to the use of the photographic likeness in promotional publications and other media without compensation.

8. Disqualification

- Failure to register in the Entomology Photography event in 4HOnline.
- Entries that do not follow the rules, category guidelines, and/or category description will be disqualified.
- The judges' decisions are final.