

**February 2024 - TC: NATURE IN THE GARDEN scoresheet - Cathy**

Club Star Rating	Title	Firstname	Lastname	Score	Comment
1S	Can I see the manager	Marisan	Victor	10	Pleasing out of focus background. Good exposure. Main subject would be stronger if full flower in focus. Check your depth of field, a higher aperture would help. Stronger composition would add value.
1S	In the jaws of death	Marisan	Victor	11	Sharp detail inside pod. Background brighter than subject is a little distracting.
1S	Oh Lily	Noxolo	Kheswa	10	Nice composition, although over exposed and too soft. Sharpness is only on the bud. DOF too shallow. Higher aperture will give deeper depth of field.
1S	Piet my Vrou	Dylan	Evans	12	Lovely, soft background, Piet my Vrou stands out, prominently. Exposure well done.
1S	Siblings	Marisan	Victor	11	Focus in right place. Siblings could be bigger in the frame. Background too bright and big area, it steals the show.
2S	Golden Eye	wynand	lens	15	Junior Winner: Great impact; excellent exposure, composition and pin sharp. The diagonal line of the leaf adds frame and strong line.
2S	Looking at you	wynand	lens	13	Excellent macro. Fly face sharp, hairs and detail on leaf, beautiful. I love the clean dark negative space. Be careful of sketchy burning brush work between legs.
2S	Thirsty	wynand	lens	12	Sharp, decent DOF, Good diagonal line. Over exposed leaves do not do this image justice.
3S	Bee on pink flower	Joan	Lindegger	11	Interesting composition, good exposure. Bee looks a bit battered, but nicely in focus.
3S	Bees in a honey pot			9	Well seen, although a difficult shot. Extra light source (flash or reflector) would help to get light and focus into the flower. Honey pot not in focus, bottom right edge is over-exposed, which attracts viewers eye away from centre of flower, which is under-exposed.
3S	Brown beetle	Joan	Lindegger	10	Interesting textures and soft exposure. To improve, crop out over exposed petals on top edge, it is distracting.
3S	Mealworm delight	Jan	Lens	12	Nice clean image, no background distractions. Great detail.
3S	Messy diner	Jan	Lens	12	Beautiful exposure and sharpness. Slightly blown white feathers on head. Nice clean background.
3S	Queen o f the garden			9	Focus & exposure problem, specially the head. Exposure around right foot, could be burned in?
4S	after the rain			9	Beautiful water drops on this lovely bud. Unfortunately it's out of focus, and a stop over-exposed.

4S	Bats in our belfry 7062	Doug	Couperthwaite	11	Who says bats are ugly? Lovely bat portrait, nice exposure and reasonably sharp.
4S	Dewy Web	Meleney	Naik	11	The allure of a dewy web! Well seen, but a challenging shot, as the background is busy and bright, taking the attention away from the web. Seems like motion blur on web, best to use a tripod to get finer focus.
4S	Fly on Flower	Cornelia	Appel	12	Strong diagonal line of flower, lovely colours, slightly over exposed. Fly sharp, well exposed.
4S	Rain Drops	Cornelia	Appel	11	Repeat patterns and lines good. Could have more tonal range.
4S	sometimes they die	Liesl	Couperthwaite	11	Good detail in petals. Reflected light into middle of rose would add interest.
4S	White flower	Cornelia	Appel	11	Sharp water droplets add interest, placing at diagonal would strengthen composition.
4S	young beauty	Liesl	Couperthwaite	12	Fresh colours and well exposed, soft background.
5S0	Busby	Paul	Naude	11	Bee well focused and exposed. Background busy and distracting.
5S0	Hitching a ride	Heidi	Taylor	12	Good story, mothers head sharp, nice detail in feathers.
5S0	Nest building swallow	Heidi	Taylor	10	Swallow well caught with grass, unfortunately focus is sharpest on bricks and swallow under-exposed. Too shallow DOF
5S0	Wandering snail	Heidi	Taylor	12	Snail well proportioned in frame . Good exposure.
5S0	Warts and All	Paul	Naude	11	Good detail. Bring down exposure
5S1	Bedraggled Purple Crested Turaco - 3312	Terry	Burne	12	Great saturated colours and detail in bird. Would be stronger if background was more out of focus.
5S1	Dahlia Bud	Maxi	Holder	14	Simplicity shows off detail and shape with impact. No distractions.
5S1	If It Fits I Sits	Maxi	Holder	12	Eye catching! Well exposed, good colours. Too much pixelation/noise - could be from severe cropping?
5S1	Mushroom - 3826	Terry	Burne	13	Delicate detail in vales, well lit. Plain background. Fills frame, making impactful shot.
5S1	Pair of Purple-Crested Turaco - 3321	Terry	Burne	11	Great feather detail and saturated colour. Background distracting, too busy.
5S1	Spider Lily Catching First Light	Maxi	Holder	13	Beautiful shot! All detail is there, no distracting background.
5S3	Bee served	Ronelle	van den Heever	14	Wow, great pic, focus, lighting, action. Eye contact bonus!
5S3	Chameleon Flower with dew drops	Vicki	Street	11	Where plane of focus is, is pinsharp, which is shallow. More of flower could be in focus. Nice diagonal composition.
5S3	Female Amethyst	Ronelle	van den Heever	12	Lovely sharp shot!
5S3	Hanging on	Des	van Tonder	13	Grabs attention, excellent focus, blurred background, well caught.

5S3	Koppie Foam Grasshopper	Vicki	Street	14	Senior Winner: Clarity, colour, detail is exceptional. Reflected lighting beautiful. Flattering background.
5S3	Not in my pants	Des	van Tonder	13	Crisp detail, soft light, well done.
5S3	Raindrop Reflections	Des	van Tonder	12	Lovely shot, sharp edge, reflections in drops. Very nice!
5S3	Wild Canna Flower	Vicki	Street	13	Beautiful, clean background, gorgeous light.
5S3	You did what	Ronelle	van den Heever	12	Love this monkey portrait! From the expression, to the hands. Good clarity.
5S4	House snake eats bluskop lizzard	Rob	Hart	12	Unusual to see, well caught event, albeit gruesome. Full on flash has caused harsh shadows and hot spots. Excellent story telling triptych.
5S4	Lynx spider haul-9633	Rob	Hart	12	Well caught moment. Great angle, seeing both heads. Flash has blown out some detail. Reduce flash output or bounce flash,
5S4	Stripe eyed Hover fly 7812	Rob	Hart	13	Excellent detail, sharpness. High f stop allowing great depth of field. Soft shadows.
6S1	Day Lily Detail	Leon	Heyes	13	Exquisite fine detail, flattering lighting and composition.
6S1	Lavender Thief	Leon	Heyes	13	Love the soft lighting, which preserves beautiful colours. Gorgeous shot!
6S1	Stinkhorn Fungus	Leon	Heyes	12	Interesting subject. One fly on left is where my eye settles. Blurry blades of grass in front is a bit distracting. Good shot!