

SCORESHEET FEB 2025 TECH CHALLENGE - URBAN WILDLIFE - LEON

Seq	Star	Cat	Title	Score	Award	Firstname	Lastname	Comment
1	1S	TC	A Special Visitor	11	Gold	Sandra	Comrie	Good exposure and focus. Crop tighter for impact. Lots of noise
2	1S	TC	Colours	9	Silver	Marc	Gordon	Focus not sharp where needed. Crop away green leaves on the right it's distracting
3	1S	TC	Flutterby	13	Merit	Toni	Harley	Beautiful photo. Great exposure. Focus well handled. Background not distracting
4	1S	TC	Garden Acraea	12	Gold	Lesley	Marchant	Out of focus front wing marks photo down. Exposure great with beautiful background. Sharpen photo a little more
5	1S	TC	Hanging Around	10	Gold	Marc	Gordon	Insect a little small in photo but still lots of impact. (For me) Broad border and colour distracting. Try to lighten up area round insect and darken surrounding areas for more impact.
6	1S	TC	Hopping in pink	11	Gold	Toni	Harley	Strong impact. Focus depth a little shallow. Soothing colours with great exposure and composition
7	1S	TC	Ketchup in hand dignity intact	13	Merit	Nyasha	Godoka	Story telling image fitting the topic perfect. Sharp focus on the eyes enhances impact
8	1S	TC	Leopard spotted caterpillar	11	Gold	Lesley	Marchant	Focus well handled. Lots of noise. Crop a bit on the top and bottom and darken a bit. Sharpen slightly more
9	1S	TC	On top of the world	8	Silver	Marc	Gordon	Flowers strongest impact in photo and you barely see the ant - too small in frame
10	1S	TC	Pining for the weeked	9	Silver	Nyasha	Godoka	Focus sharp on leaves but not on face of monkey
11	1S	TC	Sacred Ibis Scavenging 1	11	Gold	Minky	Goodbrand	Great exposure on mono. Focus sharp. Crop bit on top. Border only on 2 sides
12	1S	TC	Sacred Ibis Scavenging 2	10	Gold	Minky	Goodbrand	Light areas in background distracting. Crop on right. Exposure and focus good. Border incomplete
13	1S	TC	Sacred Ibis Scavenging 3	12	Gold	Minky	Goodbrand	Point is for photo. Outside border too wide. Great focus and exposure
14	1S	TC	Shadow bird	10	Gold	Toni	Harley	Great idea. Lighten shadow areas on head of bird and saturate for more impact
15	1S	TC	Sitting pretty	11	Gold	Nyasha	Godoka	Crop smaller - sky areas too large and lessens impact. Good focus and exposure on bird
16	1S	TC	Young Malachite	12	Gold	Lesley	Marchant	Slightly overexposed. Great focus and impact. Darken light areas in background
17	2S	TC	Leafted Up	9	Silver	Noxolo	Kheswa	Image need lots more sharpening. Exposure flat. Bright leaves on left can be cropped off - big distraction
18	2S	TC	Steady	10	Gold	Noxolo	Kheswa	Crop off on top. Increase saturation for more impact.
19	2S	TC	VaseHopper	8	Silver	Noxolo	Kheswa	Focus and sharpening a problem.
20	3S	TC	Bee and wasp seeking nectar	10	Gold	Joan	Lindegger	Nice soft light. Crop top and bottom for impact and increase contrast . Noise a problem
21	3S	TC	Bee on red hot poker	8	Silver	Joan	Lindegger	Focus a problem on bee. Lots of noise
22	3S	TC	Big eyes	13	Merit	Gustav	de Wet	Impact, focus and exposure very strong. Fibres on feet distracting but fits the topic
23	3S	TC	Bloukop searching	10	Gold	Derek	Brittain	Good focus and depth of field. Head a little overexposed
24	3S	TC	Close Inspection	12	Gold	Magda	Bezuidenhout	Focus and exposure great. Beautiful background. Crop at top to remove white distraction - then a 13
25	3S	TC	Female Amethyst Sunbird	11	Gold	Derek	Brittain	Great focus on sunbird. Slightly overexposed. Lessen saturation on green colours in background. Space on left a little small
26	3S	TC	Hanging on by a thread	12	Gold	Magda	Bezuidenhout	Story telling image. Good exposure and focus. Highlights in background distracting with noise
27	3S	TC	Mongoose on the hunt	9	Silver	Derek	Brittain	Focus a problem on movement of mongoose
28	3S	TC	Starting the Weave	10	Gold	Magda	Bezuidenhout	Highlights on bird and branch overexposed . Highlights in background distracting with lots of noise
29	3S	TC	Wasp on Fennel	8	Silver	Joan	Lindegger	Focus not sharp on wasp. Good exposure
30	4S	TC	cycad caterpillar cocoon	12	Gold	Liesl	Couperthwaite	Great exposure, saturation and composition. Water drop adds dimension to photo
31	4S	TC	dassie takes up residence	7	Silver	JOAN	JUNG	Focus problems. From metal plate backwards is where the focus is

32	4S	TC	Fred the bug	9	Silver	Cornelia	Appel	Strong composition. Light areas in background draws the eye away from the bug. Crop on all sides a little. Problem is noise and not well applied removal of noise between legs of the bug
33	4S	TC	graphic ermine caterpillar	12	Gold	Liesl	Couperthwaite	Good exposure and focus. Clean background with very little distractions. Amputated hairs on body of worm will be a no-no to some judges
34	4S	TC	Ibis	10	Gold	Meleney	Naik	Good exposure on whites and sky. Black areas needs a little more exposure
35	4S	TC	Im the king of the world	10	Gold	Meleney	Naik	Story telling linking up with the topic of urban wildlife. Crop little more but keep open space on left. Dark areas on bird needs a bit more exposure. Highlight on neck overexposed
36	4S	TC	Just Chillin	14	Merit	wynand	lens	Focus where needed. Exposure perfect. Strong composition and impact. Great photo
37	4S	TC	Little lady in red	9	Silver	Meleney	Naik	Ladybird small in frame. Photo overexposed. Depth of field on ladybird to shallow. Focus better on leaf on the left
38	4S	TC	Moorhen Plasticus Domesticus	4	Bronze	Doug	Couperthwaite	Well tried ! It puts a smile on my face but unfortunately no thumbs up. Good focus and exposure though
39	4S	TC	Nesting	12	Gold	wynand	lens	Building material adds to the topic and how we influence nature. Good exposure and focus. Crop a little on the left and right
40	4S	TC	New world	DQ		wynand	lens	out of date
41	4S	TC	Night singer	12	Gold	Jan	Lens	Good exposure and composition. Depth of field a little shallow
42	4S	TC	Purple peeper	9	Silver	Jan	Lens	Busy photo with too many elements distracting from subject. Lots of noise
43	4S	TC	rhodogastria caterpillar carrying wasps eggs	11	Gold	Liesl	Couperthwaite	Well captured topic. White areas on worm slightly overexposed
44	4S	TC	The Hadeda chicks have hatched 8514	10	Gold	Doug	Couperthwaite	Well exposed photo with sharp focus. Looking at topic from different angle
45	4S	TC	The Hadeda nest 8527	9	Silver	Doug	Couperthwaite	Very busy photo of which most elements are in the shade
46	4S	TC	Tongue loader	10	Gold	Jan	Lens	Sharpen a little more. Crop away light areas on left side. Good exposure and focus. Halo round the top of the head
47	5S0	TC	Eaty Jumpy	11	Gold	Roger	Fanner	Good exposure and focus. Darken background and desaturate a little
48	5S0	TC	I hate caterpillars	10	Gold	Paul	Naude	Green of foliage in background competes with subject
49	5S0	TC	Incy Wincy	12	Gold	Paul	Naude	Lots of impact. Stands out against the background. Flip vertical - attention now more on the legs in focus. Two front legs out of focus marks it down
50	5S0	TC	Off to the Fancy Dress party	13	Merit	Paul	Naude	Great exposure and focus. Bright areas on leaves are a little bright
51	5S0	TC	Ooh this itch	8	Silver	Heidi	Taylor	Focus a problem. Flat exposure. Lots of noise
52	5S0	TC	Slow motion	9	Silver	Heidi	Taylor	Focus on head of snail not sharp. Lots of highlights on background because of lighting used
53	5S0	TC	Wanna be boss monkey	8	Silver	Heidi	Taylor	Focus on head of monkey not sharp. White area at bottom very distracting
54	5S1	TC	Amethyst Sunbird	8	Silver	Maxi	Holder	Exposure on dark areas of sunbird totally black with no detail anywhere. Focus not sharp
55	5S1	TC	Chameleon in the garden	9	Silver	Stephen	Pryke	Underexpose a little and increase contrast. Too shallow depth of field
56	5S1	TC	Dragonfly in flower bed	9	Silver	Stephen	Pryke	Focus on head area not sharp. Focus is more to the front. Colour blobs on background distracting from subject
57	5S1	TC	Look Hoomans Watching	10	Gold	Maxi	Holder	Flat lighting but story telling
58	5S1	TC	Robber Fly	12	Gold	Maxi	Holder	Good focus and exposure. Lighting flat
59	5S2	TC	My nuts are frozen - 4928	14	Merit	Terry	Burne	Big thumbs up for exposure. Sharp focus and impact
60	5S2	TC	Squirrel in a tree - 4914	10	Gold	Terry	Burne	Eye drift to the snow area. Sharp focus and good exposure. Flip photo horizontally and head of squirrel gets more attention

61	5S2	TC	Squirrel in the snow - 4867	12	Gold	Terry	Burne	Great exposure and focus. Narrower depth of field would make squirrel stand out more
62	5S3	TC	Basking in the sun	11	Gold	Vicki	Street	Stands out against background, Focus on right areas. Darken bright areas on leaf
63	5S3	TC	Camo frog	9	Silver	Des	van Tonder	Focus on the nose of the frog not there - what a pity. Composition great
64	5S3	TC	Damselfly Mating	9	Silver	Vicki	Street	Lots of noise. Beautiful sharp focus on front damselfly but its very small portion of photo. Lots of bright distractions in background
65	5S3	TC	Damselfly	13	Merit	Vicki	Street	Simple but great photo, Sharp focus and good exposure. Although noise in background its dark and even
66	5S3	TC	Domestic Food Tester	11	Gold	Ronelle	van den Heever	Slightly overexposed. Good composition and focus
67	5S3	TC	Fugly bug	13	Merit	Des	van Tonder	Sharp focus and beautiful exposure. Great background
68	5S3	TC	Orange is the new beauty	13	Merit	Des	van Tonder	Focus depth of field acceptable for photo. Soft light and great exposure. Smaller flower will improve impact. Beautiful background
69	5S3	TC	Red Chested Cuckoo	9	Silver	Ronelle	van den Heever	Good focus. Exposure on bird a little under. Highlights in background distracts attention from Cuckoo
70	5S3	TC	Tiny critter	12	Gold	Ronelle	van den Heever	Focus sharp. Nice soft background. Desaturate colour of background and see if it makes insect stand out better
71	5S4	TC	Hairy field spider on kitchen table	10	Gold	Rob	Hart	Desaturate orange colour of background. Strong impact. Would be stronger if leg in front of head was sharper in focus
72	5S4	TC	Sun drenched dragonfly 9281	13	Merit	Rob	Hart	Sharp focus. Beautiful colours and saturation. Exposure perfect
73	5S4	TC	Visiting reed frog	13	Merit	Rob	Hart	Beautiful saturation and exposure. If head was turned more to the front - stronger composition
74	6S1	TC	Blue Headed Beauty	11	Gold	Leon	Heyes	Strong composition. Focus areas grainy. Flat lighting with flat colours
75	6S1	TC	Feeding Time	9	Silver	Leon	Heyes	Unfortunately focus on birds soft
76	6S1	TC	Toppie Talk	12	Gold	Leon	Heyes	Story telling photo. Lots of impact

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Flutterby
My nuts are frozen - 4928