

Biodiversity Photography Competition for Students

Biodiversity Week May 16-25, 2025

Biodiversity Week in Ireland is May 16th-25th and Riverwood Biodiversity Group (RBG) is hosting a number of events that week.

RBG is delighted to announce its inaugural Biodiversity Week photography competition for students of St Patrick's N.S, Diswellstown; Scoil Choilm; St. Mochta's; Castleknock Community College and Luttrellstown Community College.

Our competition is open to all students in the above schools and the challenge is to capture some of the biodiversity in Riverwood Estate.

Competition Rules

- The photos should be of wildflowers and wildlife in Riverwood Estate. See a Guide attached.
- All photos must be submitted by email to riverwoodbiodiversitygrp@gmail.com by 16/05/25
- The student's Name, Age and School needs to be included in the submission.
- Ideally the photographs should have a title/header e.g. bee having a drink.
- Secondary school students should attempt to identify the subject and comment on the habitat e.g. garden with long grass, public park, treeline. Some resources include:

<https://www.vincentwildlife.ie/mammals-in-ireland>

<https://birdwatchireland.ie/irelands-birds-birdwatch-ireland/list-of-irelands-birds/>

biodiversityireland.ie/app/uploads/2022/05/Identifying-different-insect-groups_2022.pdf

<https://wildflowersofireland.net/>

- Entries will be displayed on RBG website www.riverwoodbiodiversity.ie and selected entries will be displayed on our Instagram and Facebook pages.
- Winners will be announced Friday 23rd May
- A maximum of 3 entries per participant will be accepted.
- The winners will be determined by a judging panel and their decision is final.
- By entering the competition and submitting your photograph, you hereby grant Riverwood Biodiversity Group a license to use your photograph.
- Images of nesting birds or animals in dens will not be accepted as per requirements of the Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended)
- Images must not be staged, that is, manipulating the animal or its surrounds.
- Entrants must not do anything to injure or distress an animal or damage its habitat in an attempt to secure an image.
- There will be a primary school photography winner and a secondary school photography winner. Each winner wins a €100 Blanchardstown Shopping Centre voucher – kindly sponsored by Blanchardstown Shopping Centre Management.

We look forward to receiving your entries!

Common biodiversity around Riverwood Estate:



Wood pigeon



Tree Sparrow



Blue tit



Blackbird



Goldfinch.



Robin



Starling



Magpie



Herring Gull



Collared Dove



Eurasian Blackcap



Bullfinch



Chaffinch



Jackdaw



Hooded Crow



Hedgehog



Fox



Pygmy shrew



Field mouse



Common pipistrelle bat



Leisler's Bat



Cow Parsley



Red Clover



Pyramidal orchid



Bush Vetch



Common Vetch



Black Medick



Daisy



Speedwell



Nettle



Ground Nettle



Creeping buttercup



Field mustard



Birds Foot Trefoil



White clover



Ivy.



White tailed bumblebee



Hairy hoverfly



Wasp



Honeybee



Peacock Butterfly



Admiral butterfly



Common blue butterfly



Speckled wood butterfly



Ringlet



Orange tip butterfly



Cinnabar moth



5 Spot Burnet moth



Common tortoiseshell butterfly



Green shield bug



Green Tiger Beetle



7 spot ladybird



Young ladybird



Hairy Shieldbug



Small Tortoiseshell butterfly caterpillar



Common Blue butterfly caterpillar



Speckled Wood butterfly caterpillar



Ringlet butterfly caterpillar



Peacock butterfly caterpillar



Red Admiral butterfly caterpillar



Woodlouse



Millipede



Earthworm



Centipede



House spider

Lacewing:



Weevil:



Earwig:



Froghopper adult:



Froghopper nymph (baby) inside
froth to protect it (cuckoo spit):



Snail:

