

Nature subject eligibility for PSNZ Nature competitions

Category	Definition	Eligible for Nature	Eligible for NZ Nature
Endemic	Species breeding in one specific geographic area and nowhere else in the world	Yes They are part of natural history and represent unique local biodiversity	Yes if They are endemic to New Zealand
Native	Species that naturally occur in a region or country without human intervention. Can be found in more than one country if their habitat crosses borders	Yes Naturally occurring and untamed or uncultivated in the environment in which they're photographed	Yes if They are untamed or uncultivated and living in New Zealand's natural habitat
Naturalised/ Exotic	Species originally from another region but introduced (either intentionally or accidentally) and established in a new area, living independently without ongoing human intervention	Yes if They are part of the natural environment and tell a nature story without avoidable human elements	No Not considered "New Zealand subjects" because they did not evolve or arrive here naturally
Feral	Domesticated animals that have returned to a wild state after escaping or being released from human control	No These are specifically excluded in the context of PSNZ Nature rules	No These are specifically excluded in the context of PSNZ Nature rules
Domesticated	Animals or plants that have been selectively bred and adapted for human use, living under human control or in human-modified environments	No Domesticated species are specifically excluded in the context of PSNZ Nature rules	No Domesticated species are specifically excluded in the context of PSNZ Nature rules

Nature

Naturalised or exotic species may be accepted as subjects if they are integrated into the natural environment and convey a nature story without the inclusion of avoidable human elements.

New Zealand Nature

Naturalised or exotic species are not eligible as New Zealand Nature subjects, as they did not evolve here or arrive through natural means.