# PhotoSCENE 2023-24

### PhotoSCENE Natural History Photographic Competition.

The annual PhotoSCENE competition is sponsored by Glasgow Natural History Society and the University of Glasgow School of Biodiversity, One Health and Veterinary Medicine. It aims to promote an interest in Natural History and the work of SCENE (Scottish Centre for Ecology and the Natural Environment, the University's field station at Rowardennan, Loch Lomond), promote linkage between the School and the Society, and provide pictures for publicity purposes. All entrants are thanked for making the effort to enter the competition and prizes totalling £500 were awarded at the Society's photographic night in February which always provides members with an enjoyable and interesting evening. This year there were 75 entries from 18 people.

**Andy Wilson** 

#### **Overall winner:**



David Stone - Common buzzard (Buteo buteo), Forres, Scottish Highlands, 9th June 2023.

### Other prize winners:

These include the photograph by Scott Shanks, which was a Second equal Prize winner and features on the back cover, and that by David Stone, which was highly commended and features on the front cover. Information on these photographs is provided on the inside front cover. The other prize winners and highly commended entries are shown below.

## **Second equal Prize winner:**



**Robyn Haggard** - Mating emperor moths (*Saturnia pavonia*), near Ben Shee, Glen Sherup Horseshoe Loop, Ochil Hills, Scotland, 7th May 2023.

## Third equal Prize winners:



Richard Sutcliffe - Comma butterfly (Polygonia c-album), Garscube Allotments, Glasgow, Scotland, 5th August 2023.



**Rebecca MacArthur** - Emerald damselfly (*Lestes sponsa*), Scottish Centre for Ecology and the Natural Environment, Rowardennan, Loch Lomond, Scotland, 14th September 2023.



Ewan Parry - Jackdaws (Coloeus monedula), Garscube, Glasgow, Scotland, 14th December 2022.

# **Highly commended entries:**



Adhip Aditya - Herring gull "heart" (Larus argentatus), Millport, Isle of Cumbrae, Scotland, October 2022.



**Sarah Longrigg** - Dancing dandelion seeds (*Taraxacum* sp.), Milngavie, East Dunbartonshire, Scotland, 10th June 2023.



**Richard Sutcliffe** - Speckled wood butterfly (*Pararge aegeria*), Fife Coastal Path near Kirkcaldy, Scotland, 10th June 2023.



**Ewan Parry** - Nettle-weevil (*Phyllobius pomaceus*), Lochwinnoch RSPB Reserve, Renfrewshire, Scotland, 19th June 2022.



 $\textbf{David Stone} \text{ - Fulmar} \ (\textit{Fulmarus glacialis}), \ \text{Covesea}, \ \text{Scottish Highlands}, \ 26\text{th March 2023}.$ 



Scott Shanks - Male field cuckoo bumblebee (Bombus campestris), North Ayrshire, Scotland, July 2023.



Ewan Parry - Hoverfly (*Platycheirus albimanus*), Leuchars, Fife, Scotland, 22nd July 2023.



Pauline Wood - Whooper swans (Cygnus cygnus), RSPB Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, Scotland, February 2022.



**Scott Shanks** - Yellow-legged water-snipefly (*Atherix ibis*), Yorkhill Park, Glasgow, Scotland, 23rd May 2022.