

## COMPETITION RULES

- Closing date of the competition is midnight on September 30th 2013
- The Competition is open to anyone over the age of 18, other than Rialto team members or RSPB staff.
- Poems must have a title and must be no more than 40 lines, excluding the title, and be typed in black ink on one side of A4.
- Poems must be the original work of the entrant and must not have been self-published, or published on any web-site, or broadcast.
- Poems are judged anonymously so the poet's name, address etc., MUST NOT appear on the poem.
- Poems must be written in English.
- No corrections can be made to poems entered, nor can fees be refunded.
- Entries cannot be returned.
- If you require confirmation that your postal entry has arrived please enclose a stamped addressed postcard marked 'Acknowledgement'.
- Copyright of each poem remains with the poet but by entering the competition you give The Rialto and the RSPB the right to publish the winning poems both online and in printed media.
- The judge's decision is final and neither she nor the organisers will enter into any correspondence.
- Prizewinners will be notified in writing not later than December 20th 2013. The list of prizewinners will be published on The Rialto website in January 2014.
- The competition organisers reserve the right to change the judge without notice and not to award prizes if in the judge's opinion such an action is justified.

## ENTRY FORM

Enter and pay online at [www.therialto.co.uk](http://www.therialto.co.uk) or complete this form (in BLOCK CAPITALS) and send it with your poems and payment to:  
The RSPB/The Rialto Poetry Competition, RSPB, Stalham House, 65 Thorpe Road, Norwich, NR1 1UD.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Poem Titles (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Nature poetry competition 2013	Quantity	Fee
First poem £6	1	£6
All other entries £3 per poem		
Total		£

Please make your cheques (Sterling only) out to The RSPB.

I have read and accept the competition rules

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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The term 'Nature Poetry' will be given a very wide interpretation by the judge.

Closing date 30th September 2013

## PRIZES

1st Prize

£1000

2nd Prize

£500

3rd Prize

A Place on a Creative Writing Course  
At Ty Newydd in 2014 (worth £540)

## ADDITIONAL PRIZE

A personal tour with Mark Cocker of his most cherished wildlife places in East Anglia.

The winning poems will be published  
in *The Rialto* Britain's leading  
independent poetry magazine

## JUDGE

**Ruth Padel**

Ruth Padel, celebrated poet, writer and broadcaster, is a Fellow of the Royal Society for Literature and a Council Member for the Zoological Society of London and an Ambassador for New Networks for Nature. Her latest collection, *The Mara Crossing*, shortlisted for the Ted Hughes Prize, explores human and animal migration in poetry and prose. She writes and presents BBC Radio 4's 'Poetry Workshop'.

Ruth will read all the poems entered in the competition.

## PRIZE INFORMATION

**Ty Newydd** (third prize) is Wales' National Writers' Centre and offers an impressive range of creative writing courses in the wonderful surroundings of the Lleyn peninsula ([www.tynewydd.org](http://www.tynewydd.org)).\*

**Mark Cocker** (Additional prize) is one of Britain's most celebrated writers on nature. He is the author of the forthcoming *Birds and People* as well as the award-winning *Crow Country* and *Birds Britannica*. He writes and broadcasts regularly in national media and has maintained a wildlife column in *the Guardian* for more than 25 years.\*\*

\*The prize does not include the cost of travel to and from the centre.

\*\*The prize does not include cost of travel or accommodation.

## ENTRY FEES

£6 for your first poem, £3 for each subsequent poem.



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