



South Indian microworlds

A wonderful set of macro images from the forests and meadows of South India by a young and passionate amateur photographer with the soul of a poet

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in His Own Words*

Hello, I am Karthikeyan Shanmugasundaram. I was born in Tamil Nadu, India, a passionate nature and macro photographer doing photography for the past six years. Every micro second there are so many incredible and amazing things happening around us and we are unable to notice those moments because we ignore those tiny worlds and forget how important they are, that without insects we would be unable to survive...My goal is to capture and explore those amazing tiny natural world moments as much as possible and showcase their amazing beauty to this world. My desire is to photograph all the species of Jumping spiders throughout India...



Potter wasps

Potter wasps having a conversation before sleep. I wanted to capture their last active moment before the end of the day.

Canon Eos 550d
Sigma 105mm
f5, 0.6
ISO 200

**Praying
mantis**

On a cloudy morning I saw this Praying mantis walking on a leaf. The sun looked like a fake moon. I just managed to capture this unique moment.

Canon 5d mark3
Sigma 105mm
f2.8, 1/1600
ISO 160





Spider with eggs

I was wandering in my garden and I noticed a Cellar spider carrying her egg sack. I was mesmerized for a moment and grabbed it through my camera.

Canon 5d mark3
 Canon mpe 65mm
 f14, 1/200
 ISO 200

Robberfly with prey

One day I was on search of a robberfly to take a picture, when all of a sudden I noticed this one which had just captured a fruit fly. It took it and started eating. I just had to capture this shot fast so that moment of natural behaviour was captured.

Canon 5d mark3
 Sigma 105mm
 f11, 1/200
 ISO 320



**Jumping
spider**

Adult male
jumping spider
posing; this is one
of the most
colourful jumping
spider I have ever
seen and I was
lucky to capture
this beauty.

Canon 5d mark3
Canon mpe
65mm
f11,1/200
ISO 200

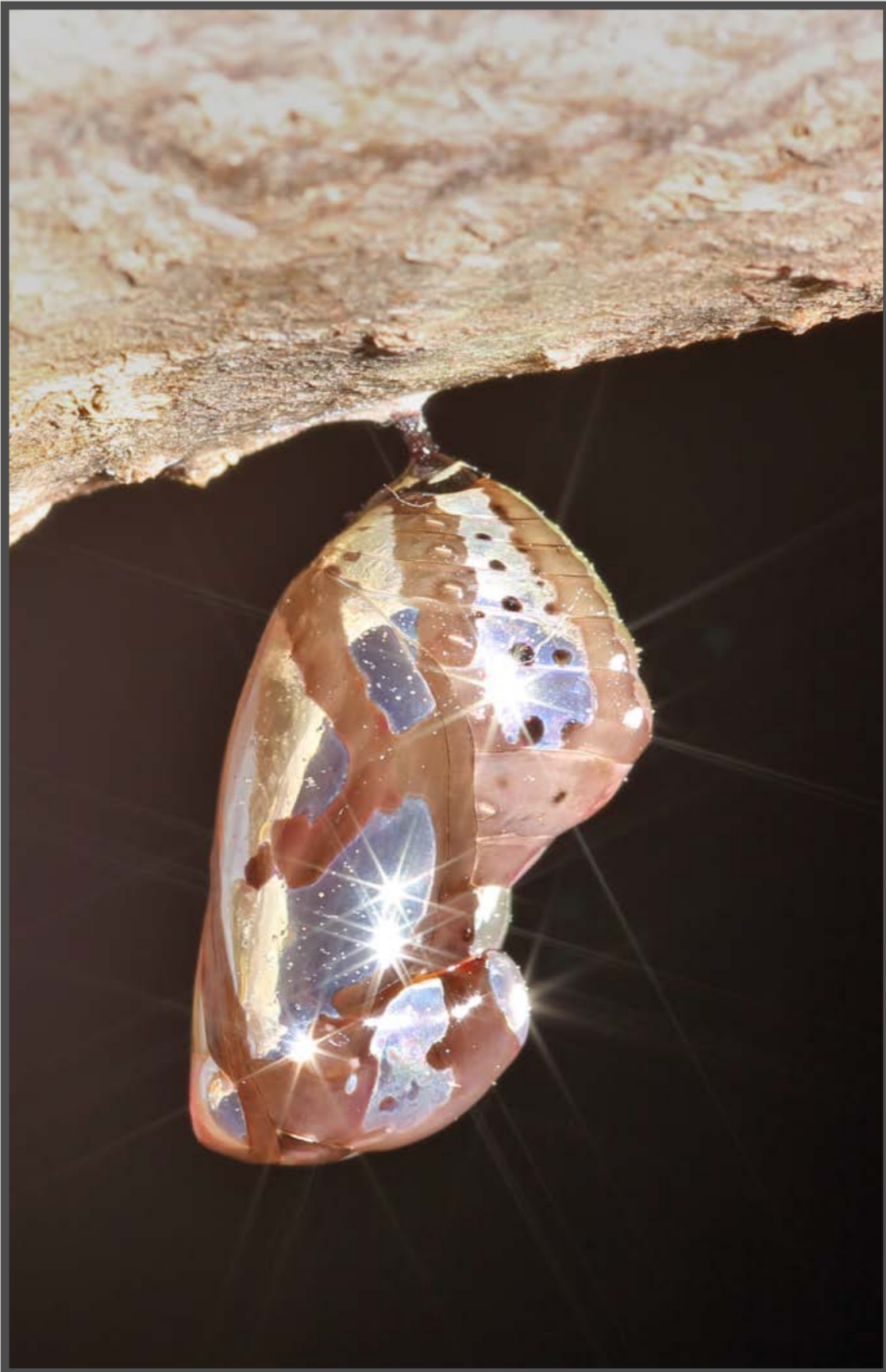




Potter wasp

For a long time I had wanted to take a picture of this potter wasp. While it was making its nest just next to my bed nature gifted me with this opportunity.

Canon 5d mark3
Sigma 105mm
f11,1/200
ISO 125



Pupa

Jewel-like of a
Common crow
butterfly pupa.

Canon 5d mark3
Sigma 105mm
f11,1/160
ISO 125

**Leaf cutter
bee**

I noticed this leaf
cutter bee had
started building
its nest in a
pipeline. It's so
nice to see how
they cut the leaf
with precision
and arrange it
to build the
perfect nest.

Canon 5d mark3
Sigma 105mm
f10,1/200
ISO 400





Cuckoo wasp

This wasp is called metallic wasp or cuckoo wasp because it puts its eggs on another wasps nest. It's beautiful to see the wasp waiting for the wasp to go on a trip and lay its eggs quickly. Sometimes it fights with potter wasps or other wasps and lays its eggs...

Canon 5d mark3
Canon mpe 65mm
f11,1/200
ISO 400



Praying mantis

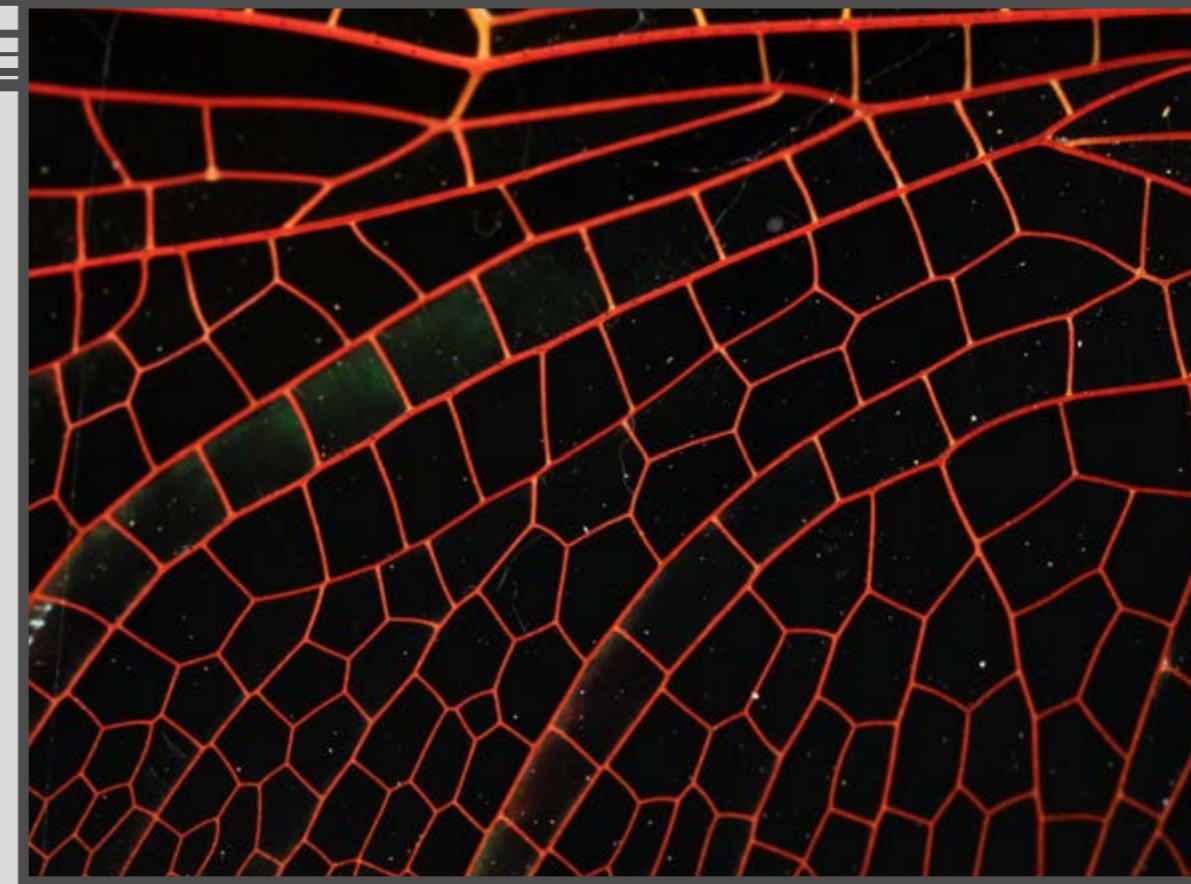
During a beautiful morning, sun just started shining, a Praying mantis started its early walk on the grass, its like it's granting all the wishes of the dewdrops during this walk.

Canon 5d mark3
Sigma 105mm
f2.8,1/1250
ISO 500

Dragonfly wing detail

The only insect that flies like a helicopter is a dragonfly. Even when it stands it flaps its wings for take off. I'm always fond to take a close up of their marvelous wings.

Canon 5d mark3
Canon mpe 65mm
f11,1/200
ISO 500



Jumping spider

Taking jumping spider pictures gives me a thrill every time. I found this jumping spider during my photo walk and took this beautiful picture.

Canon Eos 550d
Canon mpe 65mm
f13,1/200
ISO 200



**Morning
landscape**

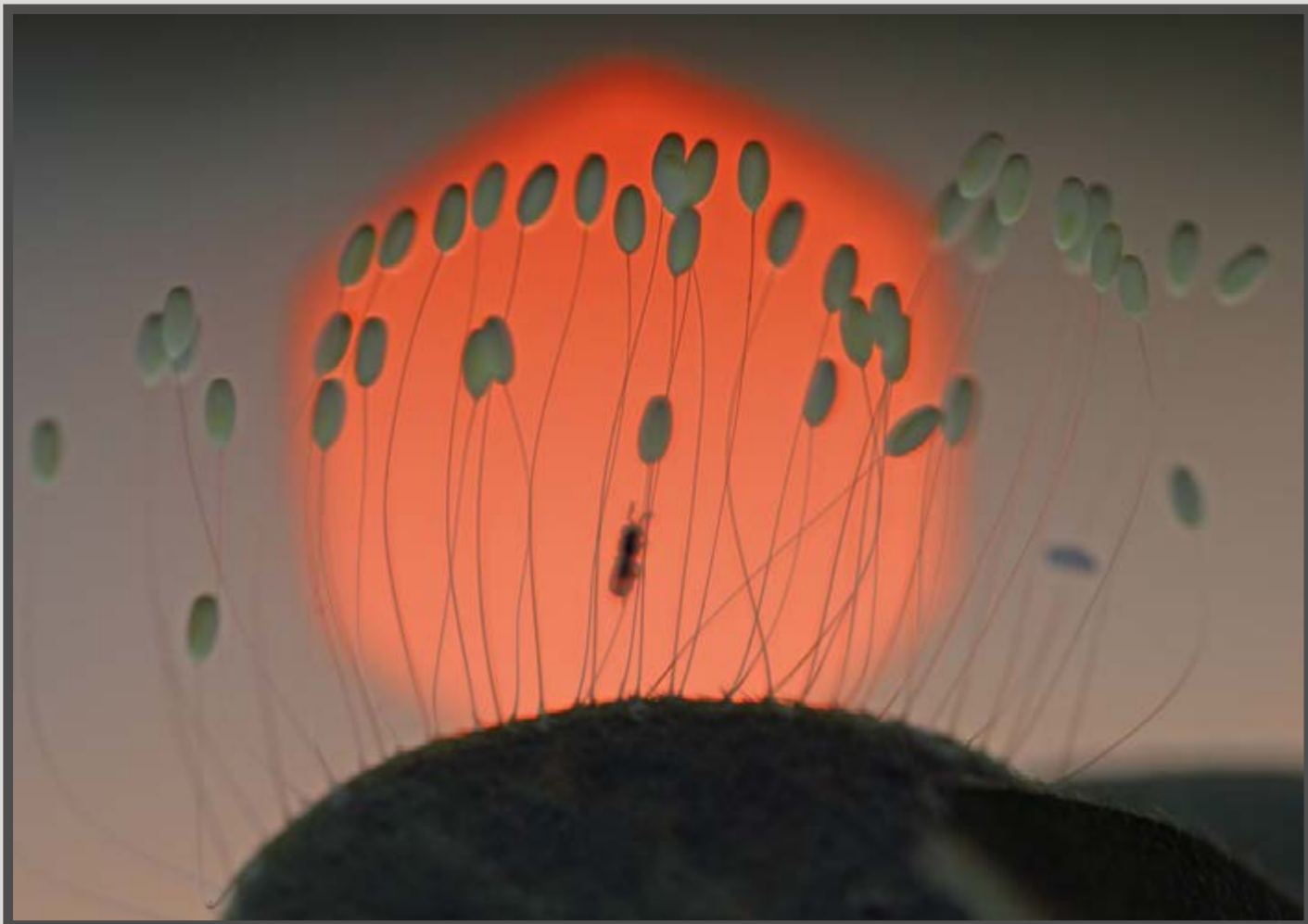
During a beautiful sunny morning I saw the grass surrounded by dewdrops. For insects this must have looked like a fantasy world...

Canon 5d mark3
Sigma 105mm
f2.8,1/2500
ISO 200

Dandelion

After finishing my every day's work with macros I saw this beautiful sunset behind the dandelion flower.

Canon Eos 550d
Sigma 105mm
f5,1/800
ISO 500



Lacewings eggs

Nature is always amazing and full of surprises, when I saw the lacewing eggs over the plant and sunset as a background I realized a parasitic wasp was climbing one of the stalks.

Canon Eos 550d
Canon mpe 65mm
f7.1,1/125
ISO 400

Lynx spider

The eggs of a lynx spider started hatching. For the mom and me it was a very ecstatic moment!

Canon 5d mark3
Canon mpe 65mm
f10,1/200
ISO 400

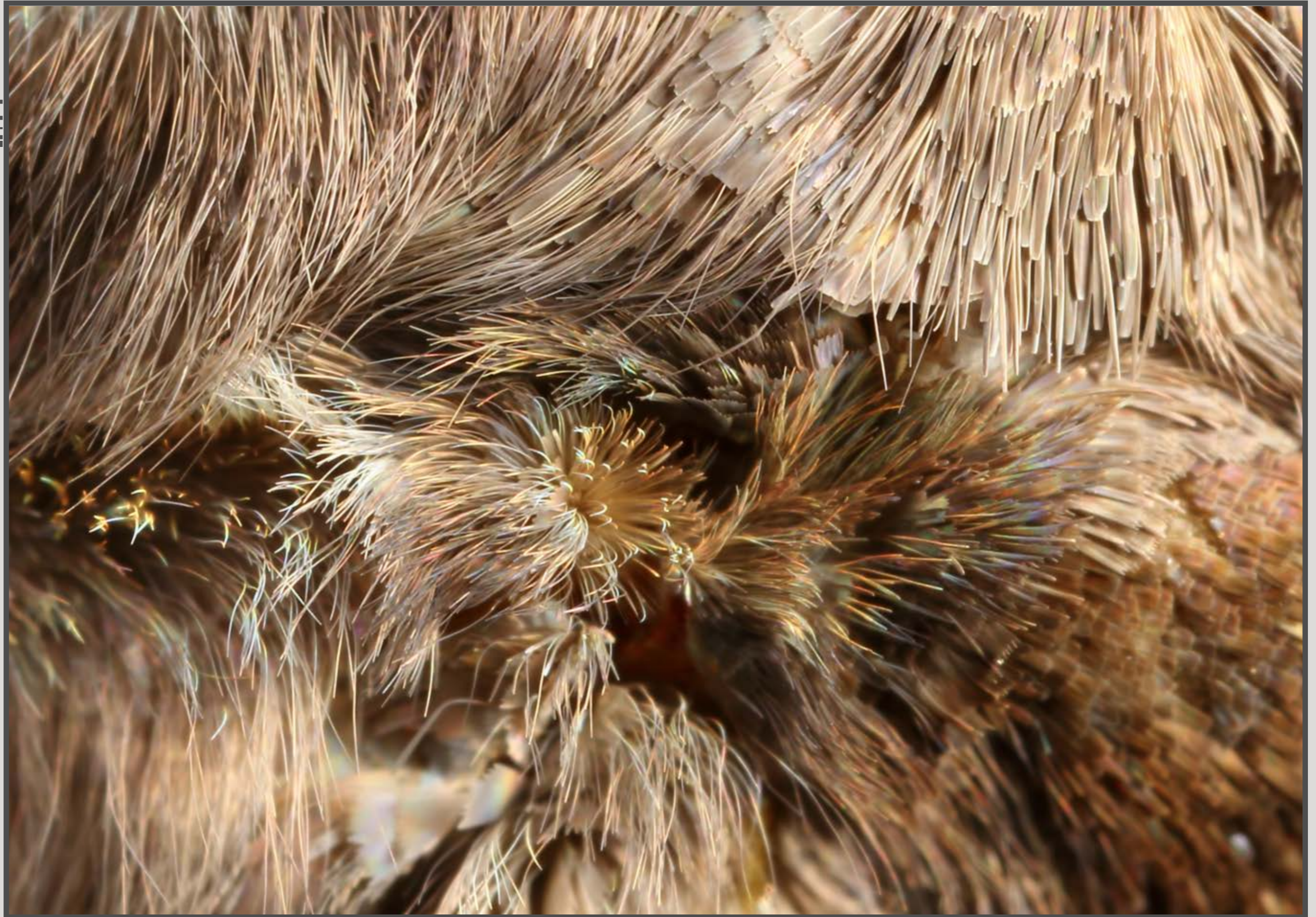


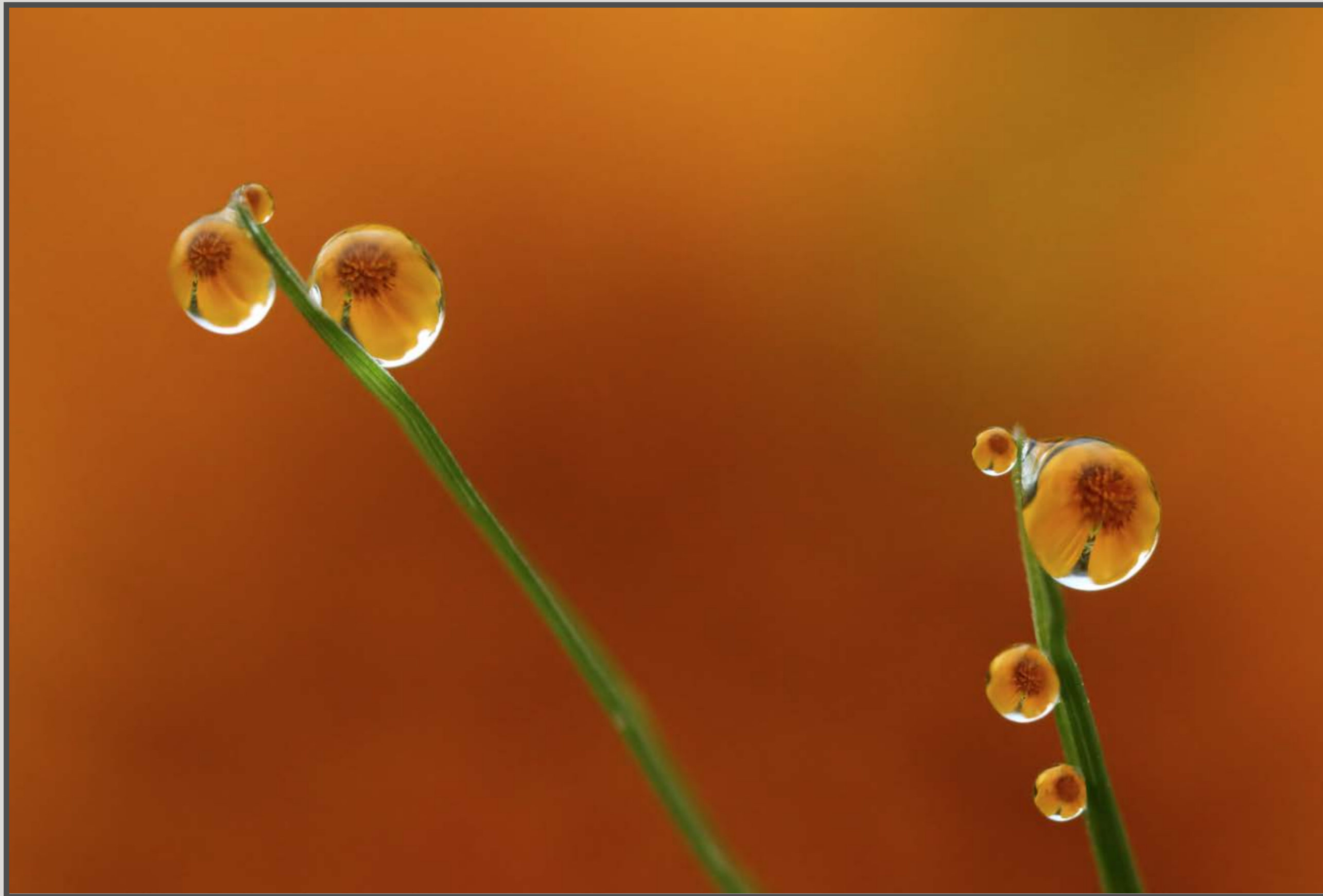
Moth wing detail

A moth was flying around in my garden; I was trying to take a picture, it gave me more time to take more shots so I got the opportunity to go more near to it.

When I saw the details of its wings I was astonished and took this image.

Canon 5d mark3
Canon mpe 65mm
f11,1/80
ISO 400





Raindrops

On a rainy day I took this beautiful refraction picture by placing the yellow flower to capture the shot.

Canon 5d mark3
Canon mpe 65mm
f5,1/500
ISO 5000