

Canon EOS 6D found to be camera most successfully used in astrophotography competitions

8-year old DSLR is most commonly used camera in 252 images shortlisted for Astronomy Photographer of the Year in the past two years.

The Canon EOS 6D is the most commonly used camera in 252 images which have made the shortlist for the *RMG Astronomy Photographer of the Year* competition in 2019 and 2020, according to analysis done by website [Skies & Scopes](https://skiesandscopes.com).

The camera was originally released in 2012 and can be picked up used for around \$500 beat many more expensive and newer models that cost upwards of \$2000-3000.

Key findings:

- 11% of 252 shortlisted images in 2019 and 2020 were taken with a **Canon EOS 6D**.
- However, **Nikon** cameras were overall more frequently used in 2020, with 23% of photos taken with various Nikon models.
- The **Takahashi FSQ-106ED** is the most successfully used telescope for astrophotography, followed closely by the **Celestron C14**.
- The **Sky-Watcher EQ6** is the most commonly used tracking mount for astrophotography in the competition.

Anthony Robinson, Editor-in-Chief, Skies & Scopes said:

“The Canon EOS 6D has been a favorite with astrophotographers for years and it’s pleasantly surprising that it is delivering so successfully in 2020.

”It’s great for everyday people wanting to get into astrophotography as it shows that you don’t need to spend thousands on a top of the range camera to produce stunning images of the night sky.”

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Methodology

Manual analysis of information made available by Royal Museums Greenwich was done by Skies & Scopes on 133 images in 2020, and 119 images in 2019. For the full data and details, please see here:

<https://skiesandscopes.com/astronomy-photographer-of-the-year-2020/>

About Skies & Scopes

[Skies & Scopes](https://skiesandscopes.com) is an astronomy and astrophotography website.

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