

# PADRE TRAILS CAMERA CLUB

*Nature Competition #1- 2015*

*October 26, 2014*

## GROUP A

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- 01. Anna's Hummingbird on Aloe Succulent (Calypte anna)** – Beautiful pictorial image. Is this a domestic plant?
- 02. Black-crowned Night Heron with Small Fish** – Third Place -Very sharp with a good nature story. Good lighting.
- 03. Brown Pelicans** – Good Capture, not sharp and could be cropped.
- 04. California Thrasher in Full Song - Toxostoma redivivum** – Good capture crop out blurred tree on the right.
- 05. Chattering Oystercatchers - Haematopus bachmani** – Very Sharp, nice detail, good nature story.
- 06. Flame Skimmer Dragonfly (Libellula saturata)** – Background distracting, could be cropped to take the dragonfly out of center.
- 07. Fox Squirrel Pumpkin Fest (Sciurus niger)** – Domestic pumpkin and hand of man would disqualify this image for nature.
- 08. Gray Heron (Ardea cinerea) Eating Arroyo Chub (Gila orcutti)** – Nice capture. Contrasty lighting.
- 09. Great Egret Ardea Alba with Kelp Fish** – Second Place – Up close with great detail. Good lighting.
- 10. Gulls Fighting for the Afterbirth** – A bit hard to read.
- 11. Long-billed Curlew in Surf** – Good light, nice wave action. Could be cropped.
- 12. Northern Fulmar Eating Sea Nettle** – First Place – Good nature story. Very different capture. Good composition and lighting.
- 13. Old Crow - Corvus brachyrhynchos** – Background very distracting.
- 14. Queen Anne Hummingbird & Aloe Vera** – Domestic Plant. Hummingbird not sharp.
- 15. Sea Lion (Zalophus californianus)** – Hard to see the sea lion.
- 16. Sea Lion (Zalophus californianus) vs Great Egret (Ardea alba)** – Beautiful position on the

egret. Difficult exposure, the egret is overexposed and the sea lion is underexposed.

**17. Sea Otter Buffet (enhydra lutris)** – Tells a good nature story. Image is very sharp with a good diagonal composition. Would like to see more of the face of the otter.

**18. Sunset and the Saguaro Cactus (Carnegiea gigantea)** – Good pictorial image.

**19. Green Darner Dragonflies Mating and Laying Eggs** – Honorable Mention -Good nature images. Beautiful reflection, background cluttered.

**20. Vigilant Great Horned Owl** – Good composition, over sharpened and contrasty.

**21. American Kestrel Eating a Frog** – Honorable Mention - Great Capture, good lighting. Maybe crop a bit off the post out.

**22. Yellow-billed Stork (mycteria ibis) on Parade** – Nice image, lacks a strong nature story.

**23. Marsh Wren Singing** – Beautiful image, good story, good composition. Could be cropped a tiny bit.

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**Winners:**

HM: - <b>American Kestrel Eating a Frog</b>	Richard Bucich
HM: - <b>Green Darner Dragonflies Mating and Laying Eggs</b>	Richard Bucich
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: - <b>Black-crowned Night Heron with Small Fish</b>	Peter Monteforte
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:- <b>Great Egret Ardea Alba with Kelp Fish</b>	Peter Monteforte
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:- <b>Northern Fulmar Eating Sea Nettle</b>	Peter Monteforte