## PADRE TRAILS CAMERA CLUB

Nature Competition #1- 2015 October 26, 2014

## **GROUP AAA**

**01. Anna's Hummingbird (Calypte anna) Feeding time.jpg** - Third Place – Very sharp, good composition, clean background. Domestic Flower?

**02.** Anna's hummingbird about to feed on nectar of Salvia leucan.jpg – Nice capture, distracting background.

**03.** Black-tailed buck by ocean.jpg – More of a pictorial image. Buck out of focus, dark and legs cut off.

04. Black-Tailed Deer Catching The Sun's Last Rays.jpg – Good light, crop too tight.

**05.** Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (Halyomorpha halys) feeding on New Mexico desert foliage.jpg – Good picture of the bug. Background is distracting.

**06.** Camouflaged\_Gray\_Squirrel\_(Sciurus\_carolinensis)\_in\_Yosemite\_National Park.jpg Good sharp image of the squirrel.

**07.** Common Loon (Gavia immer) Common loon with crayfish.jpg – First Place – Beautiful, sharp image. Good nature story. Maybe crop a bit off the top. Love the look and feel of this image.

**08.** Cormorant\_in\_Breeding\_Plumage\_on\_Nest.jpg - Nice composition, harsh lighting, and background is distracting.

**09.** Cotton Tail Rabbit Having Breakfast.jpg – Nice catch light in the eye, harsh lighting, over sharpened.

10. Dripping Water Creates Unique Formations at Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico.jpg

Good exposure, hard to read. Maybe a little wider view.

**11. Egret\_Chick\_Ready\_to\_Fly.jpg** – Nice capture with good sky. Good nature story. Technical issues.

**12. Half Blown Dandelion.jpg** – Honorable mention – Beautiful pictorial image with a good nature story.

13. Harbor Seal (Phoca vitulina) First portrait - Mom and newborn.jpg - good nature story.

14.Humpback\_Whale\_(Megaptera\_novaeangliae)\_and\_Sea\_Lions\_(Zalophuscalifornianus)\_feedin g\_in\_Monterey\_Bay.jpg – Hard to read at first, neat capture. Didn't see the sea lions at first.

**15. Mating paper kite butterflies (Idea leuconoe).JPG** – Second Place – Good detail with a good nature story. Not an easy capture.

**16.** Mushroom\_(Pholiota\_aurivella)\_in\_Yosemite\_National\_Park.jpg – Nice angle. Image is not sharp.

**17. Nature's Millennial Sculpture at Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico.jpg** – Tells and story but is hard to read without title. Interesting geology.

**18. Olympic N.P. Rainforests.jpg** – Not a nature story. Lacks sharpness.

19. On guard, looking and listening - black-tailed deer (Odocoileus hemionus).JPG

**20. Rainforest Growth.jpg** – Good exposure. The tree is right in the middle.

21. Ready to jump - jumping spider (Phidippus adumbratus).JPG - Honorable mention -

Really sharp, good capture. A little more room on the base and less on the top.

**22. Ruddy duck and sunrise at Mono Lake.jpg** – Good pictorial image. The duck is very small in the image.

**23. sea washed rock.jpg** – Not sure of the nature story.

24. Sunset Flight.jpg – More of a pictorial treatment. Title could be more descriptive.

**25.** Tussock Moth Caterpillar Going Up Tree Trunk.jpg – Backlighting is great. Move a bit to the right to get more of the tree.

**26. Velella velella.jpg** – Composed nicely.

**27. View from Wawona Road.jpg** – Very good pictorial image. Could crop a bit of the top. Wish it were mine.

## Winners:

HM:- Half Blown Dandelion.jpg	Dominique Gallet
HM: - Ready to jump - jumping spider (Phidippus adumbratus).	Margret Cordts
3rd Place:- Anna's Hummingbird (Calypte anna) Feeding time	David Tan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: - Mating paper kite butterflies (Idea leuconoe)	Margret Cordts
1 <sup>st</sup> Place: - Common Loon (Gavia immer) Common loon with crayfish	David Tan