

Padre Trails Camera Club
Nature #1 Competition - November 18, 2020
Group Green Comments
Judged by: Dolores Frank



01 - Anna's Hummingbird (Calypte anna).jpg

John Drum

Great capture of hummingbird feeding



02 - Bison and calf, Yellowstone.jpg

Joni Zabala

The scene is wonderful This is an excellent capture of winter in Yellowstone. You filled the frame with an image that projects the bitter cold in Yellowston in the winter



03 - Bottlenose Dolphin(Tursiops aduncus) Loreto, Mexico. jpg

John Drum

Great sharp focus....would have liked an eye.....and I realize this is a difficult shot:



04 - California brown pelican in flight (Pelecanus occidentalis californicus).jpg

Ken Jones

Beautiful....sharp and good placement in the image. Well done.



05 - COBWEB in the RAIN.jpg

Clarissa Conn

The scene seems to be a little too green....almost gives the appearance of being under water. Also, the white circular spots do not help the image because they are distracting.

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06 - Dandelion with morning dew.jpg

Margret Cordts

Good idea with the backlight dandelion. I think you might benefit from opening up some of the very dark space on the back of the dandelion and show a little detail.

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07 - Elephant seals in repose (Mirounga angustirostris).jpg

Ken Jones

Good placement in the scene. Try opening up the shadow around the face and see if that helps the image.



08 - Father Son PTCC.jpg

Dick Light

It always helps if we can see the face of the animal or bird in sharp focus or deliberately blurred if showing movement. Hard to see the detail of the father and, even the son.



09 - Fern Springs Yosemite.jpg

Dale Thies

This is a gorgeous waterfall and it could be a good scene. As it is, it is cropped too tight on the top and that reduces the impact. I would even like to see more on the bottom. Maybe some of the ferns.



10 - Field bindweed (Convolvulus arvensis).jpg

Charlie Gibson

Sometime, with flower images, it helps to have some connection to the earth, so to speak. A little part of the stem showing the placement of the actual plant rather than a “portrait” of the flower.



11 - Gambel's Quail (Callipepla gambelii) watches over his chicks.jpg

Karen Schofield

Good shot of the Quail and the focus is sharp. The out of focus babies are a bit distracting as my eye keeps going over to the left. Maybe cropping the image so it is a vertical might make it a stronger presentation.



12 - Golden Silk Orb-Weaver(nephila Clavipes) preparing an Insect.jpg

CarolSilveira

Nice composition with the background totally blurred out. I almost wish it was a little tighter crop so the spider was larger in the image.



13 - Humpback with Kelp Necklace.jpg

Brooks G. Leffler

Whales are tough to capture...you did a good job with this. I've been to Alaska shooting whales and I am well aware of how difficult it is to get what you see. I like this image and it is well done.



14 - Lenticular clouds cap Mt. Shasta.jpg

Jerry Gifford

Good idea. However, the color in this image seems to be a bit off. I would expect the clouds to be white or to reflect the color of a sunrise or sunset. Not sure what is going on with the image.

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15 - Male Snowy Egret (Egretta thula) in mating stance.jpg

Jerry Gifford

Absolutely beautiful capture of this egret. Every thing is sharp and the face and eye are totally in focus. Nice placement in the scene.



16 - Milk Vetch - Astragalus nuttallii.jpg

Brooks Leffler

The more I look at this image, the more I like it. I just wish that the background was separated from the flower. Maybe try darkening the edges to throw more attention to the flower.



17 - Misty Oregon Coast.jpg

Dale Thies

The totally white sky in this image is not helping the image. Perhaps, if you cropped it on the left all the way over to the boulder the image might work better. You would still have a white sky, but, so much less of it enabling the viewer to see the scene better.

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18 - Northern Flicker Takes Flight-Palo Corona Park June 15 2020.jpg

Dennis Giuffre

Another wonderful bird capture. I have flickers in my garden in the Spring and Fall. They are beautiful birds. This is a terrific capture of the bird in flight.



19 - Osprey on the Hunt, Moss Landing - Sept 5 2020.jpg

Dennis Giuffre

Your focus is right on.....you can see this birds eye and face and the rest is also in focus. Beautiful



20 - Pt. Lobos Rock Formation.jpg

Charlie Gibson

The colors are great and the diagonal placement helps the image. I'd suggest cropping a little tighter on the bottom.



21 - Puma (Puma concolor) focuses on prey in Patagonia.jpg

Karen Schofield

Waiting for dinner. Just seeing this cat makes it a worthwhile image. You gave it room in the image and that helps a lot.



22 - Resting Brown Pelican in Breeding Plumage.jpg

Christina Parsons

A good capture of the pelican. The merger with the rock behind the pelican is a little distracting. Still a good image.



23 - Sea Otter's Morning Bath.jpg

Christina Parsons

I like what you presented with this sea otter. I just wish that the eye was showing. I know it is tough.



24 - The Thinker PTCC.jpg

Dick Light

I love the position that the seal chose for your portrait of him. Nicely done and good seeing.



25 - Thermal geyser creates ice on pine trees for winter wonderland in Midway Geyser Basin, Yellowstone.jpg

Joni Zabala

This conveys the cold of Yellowstone. Well done.



26 - White Necked Jacobin(Florisuga mellivora)Drinking Water.jpg

CarolSilveira

The colors in this scene immediately got my attention. My only suggestion would be to see if you can bring out the colors of the hummingbird a bit....maybe by opening the shadows a little.



27 - White Tailed Kite's Meal.jpg

Clarissa Conn

Good placement in the image The only flaw I'm seeing is that the image is a little soft. That may be because I'm looking at it on a computer.

Winning Images:

Honorable Mentions:

**Osprey on the Hunt,
Moss Landing**
Dennis Giuffre



Northern Flicker takes Flight
Palo Corona Park June 15
2020
Dennis Giuffre



Bison and calf, Yellowstone
Joni Zabala



Third Place:
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(Calypte anna)
John Drum



2nd Place:

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Jerry Gifford



First Place:

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Ken Jones

