

Padre Trails Camera Club

Open Nature - 11/20/2024

Judged by: Ray Hennessy



Meet Ray Hennessy

Ray Hennessy's fascination with nature photography began in 2007. Wildlife photography, with a focus on birds, has gone from a hobby to an equally passionate career. Ray spends much of his free time in natural areas searching for birds and any other wildlife that comes along. He concentrates on using creative natural lighting and interesting compositions to capture unique images of common and rare wildlife.

His favorite style is a more scenic photo that includes some of the habitat wildlife lives in. He also enjoys passing along the knowledge and experience that he has gathered over the years to other photographers who are eager to learn. Ray has had the privilege of working with students both in person and remotely from all over the world to help guide them and accelerate the techniques and refinement of their wildlife photography.

Shown here are the images submitted for this competition from all three groups, Blue, Green, and Red followed by Ray's selection for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mentions in each group.



01 - Brandt's Cormorant (Phalacrocorax penicillatus)

Sara A Courtneidge

STAR RATING: 4



02 - Common Raven (Corvus corvax)

Sara A Courtneidge

STAR RATING: 4



03 - Great Egret in Flight

Julie Chen

STAR RATING: 4



04 - Half dome

Lillie Grossman

STAR RATING: 3



05 - Japanese White-eye in Plum flowers.

Julie Chen

STAR RATING: 4



06 - Long-billed curlew (Numenius americanus)

Ken Jones

STAR RATING: 3



07 - Male and Female Golden-browed Chlorophonia

John Drum

STAR RATING: 3



08 - Mom and Baby White-faced Capuchin

John Drum

STAR RATING: 3



09 - Mono Lake in May

Bill Brown

STAR RATING: 3



10 - Mt Whitney from Alabama Hills

Lillie Grossman

STAR RATING: 4



11 - Nowhere, California

Bill Brown

STAR RATING: 3



12 - Portrait of a Raven (Corvus corax)

Carol Silveira

STAR RATING: 4



13 - Resting Marbled Godwit (Limosa fedoa)

Chris Johnson

STAR RATING: 3

14 - Sandhill Crane Colt Stretching Its Wings

Chris Johnson

STAR RATING: 3



15 - Sleeping Sea Lions (Zalophus Family Otariidae)

Carol Silveira

STAR RATING: 5



*16 - Western Sandpiper Grouping
(Calidris mauri)*

Ken Jones

STAR RATING: 2

Top Three Winners - Blue Group



First Place - Sleeping Sealions
Carol Silveira



Second Place - Common Raven
Sara A Courtneidge



Third Place - Great Egret in Flight
Julie Chen

Winning Images Group Blue
Honorable Mentions



Brandt's Cormorant
Sara A Courtneidge



Japanese White-eye in Plum flower
Julie Chen



Mt Whitney from Alabama Hills
Lillie Grossman

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Open Nature - 11/20/2024 - Green Group Submissions

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01-Baboon (Papio ursinus) Grooms Juvenile

Joni Zabala

STAR RATING: 3



02-Colors of Asilomar

Carol Fuessenich

STAR RATING: 3



03-Comet Suchinshan, Atlas A3

Jeff Hobbs

STAR RATING: 4



04-Coyote (Canis latrans) in Yosemite

Sandie McCafferty

STAR RATING: 4



05-Gull Feather in Gut Weed

Sandie McCafferty

STAR RATING: 4



06-Honey Bee Gathers Pollen from Prolific Sunflower

Joni Zabala

STAR RATING: 4



07-Lizard of Carizzo Plains

Carol Fuessenich

STAR RATING: 2



08-Pelican Dive Bomber

Jared Ikeda

STAR RATING: 1



09-Porodisculus pendulus Mushrooms

Bill Shewchuk

STAR RATING: 4



10-Ragweed at Fort Ord

Jared Ikeda

STAR RATING: 5



11-Red and Orange Sunset

Brian Spiegel

STAR RATING:4



12-Red Maple, Acer rubrum

Charlie Gibson

STAR RATING: 4



13-Red-billed Hornbill (Tockus erythrorhynchus) Takes Flight

Karen Schofield

STAR RATING: 4



14-South African small-spotted Genet (Genetta felina) inside Tree Burrow

Karen Schofield

STAR RATING: 4



15-Tasmanian Devil

Bill Shewchuk

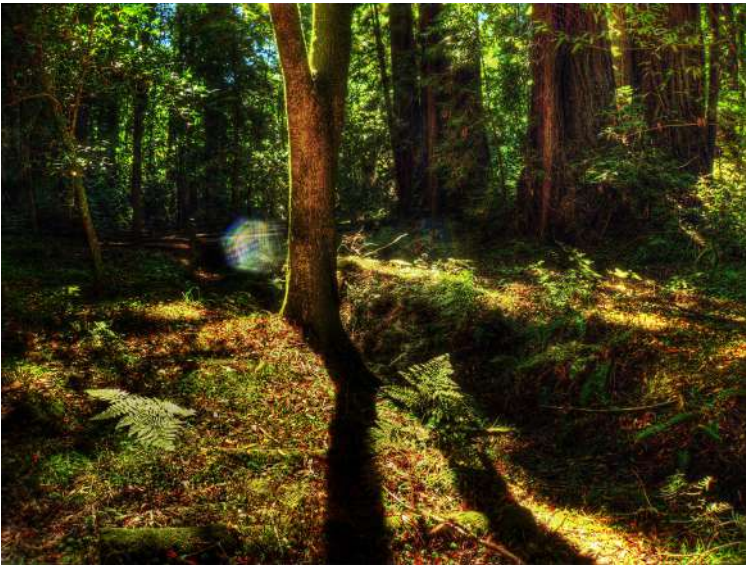
STAR RATING: 3



16-Western Grebes Rushing

Jeff Hobbs

STAR RATING: 3



17-Wooded Scene

Brian Spiegel

STAR RATING: 2

Top Three Winners - Green Group



First Place - 10-Ragweed at Fort Ord
Jared Ikeda



Second Place - 12-Red Maple,
Acer rubrum
Charlie Gibson



Third Place - 14-South African
small-spotted Genet (Genetta
felina) inside Tree Burrow
Karen Schofield

Honorable Mention - Green Group



*05-Gull Feather in Gut Weed
Sandie McCafferty*



*04-Coyote (Canis latrans) in
Yosemite
Sandie McCafferty*

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Open Nature - 11/20/2024 - Red Group Submissions

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01-Allium Globemaster

Dick Light

STAR RATING: 3

02-Antelope Canyon

Fernando Ibanez

STAR RATING: 3



03-Baby Leopard in a tree in Kruger South Africa Sept 2024

Rick Thau

STAR RATING: 3



04-Bambi Closeup

Don Eastman

STAR RATING: 2



05-Bittersweet

Andrea Madsen

STAR RATING: 1



06-Coyote at rest - Canis latrans

Brooks Leffler

STAR RATING: 2



07-Erigeron in Field of Golden Grasses

Elke Ikeda

STAR RATING: 2



08-Fall Splendor at the Pinnacles

Elke Ikeda

STAR RATING: 3



09-Giraffe in Kruger South Africa Sept 2024

Rick Thau

STAR RATING: 2



10-Grizzley in Denali Natl. Park

Don Eastman

STAR RATING: 3



11-Pelicans

Fernando Ibanez

STAR RATING: 3



12-River Slalom to Little Qualicum Falls

Rick Verbanec

STAR RATING: 4



13-Sacred Lotus in South Korea

Andrea Madsen

STAR RATING: 3



14-Sleepy Seal - Phoca vitulina

Brooks Leffler

STAR RATING: 3

15-St Mary Lake Spring

R D Verbanec

STAR RATING: 4





16-White Tailed Kite

Dick Light

STAR RATING: 4



17-Woodie the Wood Duck

Jerry Loomis

STAR RATING: 3



18-Young Kite

Jerry Loomis

STAR RATING: 3

Top Three Winners - Red Group



*First Place - St Mary Lake Spring
Rick Verbanec*



*Second Place - White Tailed Kite
Dick Light*



*Third Place - River Slalom to Little
Qualicum Falls
Rick Verbanec*

Honorable Mention - Red Group



Sacred Lotus in South Korea
Andrea Madsen



Allium Globemaster
Dick Light