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LYNX EDICIONS ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE FIRST EDITION OF THE
HBW WORLD BIRD PHOTO CONTEST

BARCELONA, SPAIN (18 May 2012) - Lynx Edicions, publisher of the *Handbook of the Birds of the World* (HBW) and the *Internet Bird Collection* (IBC) has announced the winners of the First Edition of the *HBW World Bird Photo Contest*.

The contest was very well received with more than 12,000 photos submitted by 3,600 photographers, both professional and amateur, from over 128 countries. The images submitted feature more than 3,000 bird species from 154 countries.

"The members of the jury enjoyed their task very much, although it was quite difficult as I think several hundred of the photos received could have justifiably been awarded these prizes." said Josep del Hoyo, Senior Editor of the HBW series and Contest Jury Secretary.

Judged on technical skill, diversity, originality and creativity, the winners were selected in each category by a panel of experts (except the Best Vox Populi Photo). The jury was formed by Kathy Moran (National Geographic Senior Editor for Natural History, USA), Ian Lewington (bird illustrator, UK), Peter Johan Schei (Chairman of the Global Council of BirdLife International, Norway), Charlie Moores (bird internet blogger, UK), Andrés Bosso (Executive Director of BirdLife Argentina), John Fitzpatrick (Director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, USA) and Günter Ziesler (bird photographer, Germany) and Josep del Hoyo (Senior Editor of HBW, Spain).

The jury has selected [3 winning photos, 10 honourable mentions and 4 special prizes](#).

First prize: Cristóbal Serrano, Spain.
"Shoal of Life" (Pelagic Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax pelagicus*).

Second prize: Mike Murray, USA.
"Surfacing" (Common Loon, *Gavia immer*).

Third prize: Walter Nussbaumer, Canada.
"Calliope shuttle display" (Calliope Hummingbird, *tellula calliope*).

10 Honourable Mention prizes:

- Jaime Rojo, Mexico. *"In the mist"* (Gentoo Penguin, *Pygoscelis papua*).
- Chris Fallows, South Georgia. *"Underwater assassins"* (Cape Gannet, *Sula capensis*).
- Harri Taavetti, Finland. *"Coming through!"* (Steller's Eider, *Polysticta stelleri*).
- Rosa Shieh, Taiwan. *"Not afraid of attack"* (Crested Honey-buzzard, *Pernis ptilorhyncus*).
- Philip Perry, Swaziland. *"Instant"* (Lappet-faced Vulture, *Torgos tracheliotus*).
- Ron McCombe, United Kingdom. *"Extreme foraging"* (Red Grouse, *Lagopus lagopus scoticus*).

- Eugenijus Kavaliauskas, Lithuania. *"Preparing for lift-off"* (Corncrake, *Crex crex*).
- Cornelius Foley, Singapore. *"For the chicks"* (Red-bearded Bee-eater, *Nyctornis amictus*).
- Keith Williams, Canada. *"Spring snowstorm"* (Tree Swallow, *Tachycineta bicolor*).
- Antero Topp, Finland. *"Quelea jam"* (Red-billed Quelea, *Quelea quelea*).

4 Special Prizes in the following categories:

Best Compact Camera Photo:	Jakob Hochuli, Switzerland. <i>"Dotterel"</i> (Eurasian Dotterel, <i>Charadrius morinellus</i>).
Best Digiscoped Photo:	Pete Morris, UK. <i>"At the nest"</i> (Helmet Vanga, <i>Euryceros prevostii</i>).
Best Threatened Species Photo:	Dubi Shapiro, USA. <i>"In the air"</i> (Marvellous Spatuletail, <i>Loddigesia mirabilis</i>).
Best Vox Populi Photo (*):	Kit Day, UK. <i>"Together"</i> (Little Bee-eater, <i>Merops pusillus</i>).

(*) This category was selected by the public who voted via an online system of selecting the best of two randomly presented images, thus ensuring that the results could not be manipulated.

The first-prize winner will receive US \$10,000. The other winners will receive the collection of volumes of the [Handbook of the Birds of the World](#) Series, or single volumes, depending on the prize category.

Two hundred of the most stunning photos presented in the contest will be published as a photo gallery in the *Handbook of the Birds of the World* [Special Volume: New Species and Global Index](#), published in November 2012.

Winning images will also be published on the *Internet Bird Collection* website and through a variety of media, always indicating the award received. Prize-winning images may be showcased in an exhibition, and might also tour internationally.

Visit www.hbwcontest.com to view the winning photos in all the categories.

About Lynx Edicions

Founded in Barcelona (Spain) in 1989, Lynx Edicions is a publishing house committed to providing high quality ornithology and natural history books. Foremost among these is the *Handbook of the Birds of the World*, a 16-volume encyclopaedia that describes and illustrates for the first time all the species of birds in the world.

The *Internet Bird Collection* (IBC) is a Lynx Edicions initiative which consists of a vast, free-access online audiovisual library of videos, photos and sound recordings with the aim of including material for all the bird species in the world (<http://ibc.lynxeds.com>).

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