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

**BARCELONA, SPAIN (20 May 2014)** - 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 Second Edition of the *HBW World Bird Photo Contest*.

The contest received 3,950 entries by 800 photographers from 75 countries. The images submitted feature bird species from 114 countries.

"The photographs submitted are of astonishingly high quality. The winner, Greek photographer Nikos Fokas managed to capture an incredibly fast-moving swift diving to the surface of the water, its bill wide open in search of floating insects. The image combines graphic action and a clear illustration of the bird's behaviour with beautiful light and a harmonious background. It was a very difficult photo to take," said Josep del Hoyo, Senior Editor of the HBW series and the 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 (internet bird blogger, UK), Andrés Bosso (Regional Director for the Argentine National Parks Administration), John Fitzpatrick (Director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, USA), Markus Varesvuo (bird photographer, Finland) and Josep del Hoyo (Senior Editor of HBW, Spain).

The jury has selected [3 winning photos](#), [10 honourable mentions](#) and [5 special prizes](#).

**First prize:** Nikos Fokas, Greece

"Fast moving swift capturing floating insects". Pallid Swift (*Apus pallidus*)

**Second prize:** Laetitia Guichard, France

"The Breton pelican". Dalmatian Pelican (*Pelecanus crispus*)

**Third prize:** Bence Mate, Hungary

"Triumph of mind". Great White Egret (*Egretta alba*) and Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)

**10 Honourable Mention prizes:**

- Marco Urso, Italy. "Walking among Flamingos". Lesser Flamingo (*Phoeniconaias minor*)
- Muhammad Asif Sherazi, Pakistan. "River Tern with prey in shadow on its wing". River Tern (*Sterna aurantia*)
- Bjørn Fuldseth, Norway. "Hunting Goshawk". Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*)
- Roger Powell, United Kingdom. "Ruff lekking". Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*)

- João Marcos Rosa, Brazil. “Armadillo for lunch” Harpy Eagle (*Harpia harpyja*)
- Phiphat Suwanmon, Thailand. “Catching Fish” Blue-eared Kingfisher (*Alcedo meninting*)
- Gábor Michl, Hungary. “Roosting nightjar pair”. Collared Nightjar” (*Caprimulgus enarratus*)
- Oscar Diez, Spain. “Hunting Hooded Crows”. White-tailed Sea-eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*) and Hooded Crow (*Corvus cornix*)
- Kostya Pazyuk, Ukraine. “Band”. Eurasian Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*).
- Igor Shilokhvost, Russia. “Attacking Osprey”. Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

## 5 Special Prizes in the following categories:

<b>Best Compact Camera Photo:</b>	<b>Nicelio Silva, Brazil</b> “Life goes on”. Yellow-olive Flycatcher ( <i>Tolmomyias sulphureus</i> )
<b>Best Digiscoped Photo:</b>	<b>Bret Whitney, USA</b> “Rufous-crested Coquette”. Rufous-crested Coquette ( <i>Lophornis delattrei</i> )
<b>Best Endangered Bird Photo:</b>	<b>Sávio Freire Bruno, Brazil</b> “Mother's Love”. Brazilian Merganser ( <i>Mergus octosetaceus</i> )
<b>Best Vox Populi Photo (*):</b>	<b>Antoine Gobat, Switzerland</b> “Love is in the air”. Great Crested Grebe ( <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> )
<b>Best Video Clip:</b>	<b>Leonardo Prest Mercon Rocha, Brazil</b> “Mother of the Moon”. Common Potoo ( <i>Nyctibius griseus</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 the entire series of 17 [Handbook of the Birds the World](#) (HBW) Volumes and a [complete set of digiscoping equipment from Swarovski Optik](#), worth 6,800 €  
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.

Visit [www.hbwcontest.com](http://www.hbwcontest.com) to view the winning photos in all the categories.

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## 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* (HBW), a 17-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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