

Editor's Pick Awards 2004

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Once again, the "EPA" for 2004 was just as difficult as the previous two years - trying to narrow down 400 editor's pick photos to just 24 was a daunting task. In each and every category, there were many photos that could have just as easily won. As in previous years, the final selections were made somewhat easier by the fact that some of the photos in contention were posted by people who were not [paid NPN members](#) as stipulated in the [EPA rules](#). That said, the winning images shown below are indeed very representative of the incredible work regularly posted on NPN!

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all of the NPN moderators, whose tireless efforts in 2004 made these awards possible. And of course, our sincere thanks to each and every one of *you* for posting your work on NPN!

Now on to the "best of the best" in 2004. Congratulations to this year's winners!

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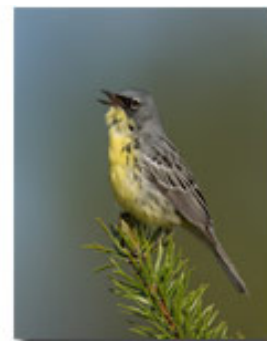
Avian Gallery

First Place Winner - [Kirtland's Warbler](#) by Robert Royse

"If this isn't the best shot of this endangered species that exists, I'll be surprised. A hearty congratulations to you." *Bob Steele*

1st Honorable Mention - [American Kestrel](#) by Jim Zipp

2nd Honorable Mention - [Mating Golden Eagle](#) by Renee de Heer



Earth, Sea & Sky Gallery

First Place Winner - [Sandstone Slither](#) by Tony Kuyper

"Tony, this is stunning. One of the best intimate landscapes I have seen, and I do mean that in the widest possible context." *Guy Tal*

1st Honorable Mention - [Sequoia Trunks and Beams](#) by Danny Burk

2nd Honorable Mention - [Silent Lucidity](#) by Bret Edge



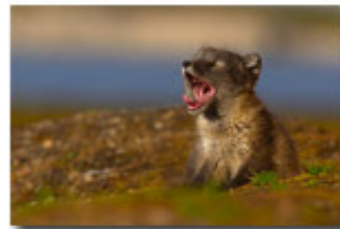
Fauna Gallery

First Place Winner - [Arctic Fox Cub Waking Up](#) by Jasper Doest

"Excellent. I'm envious of your experience - to say nothing of the shot!" *Pete Bengeyfield*

1st Honorable Mention - [Downpour](#) by Marsel van Oosten

2nd Honorable Mention - [Siblings](#) by Robert Ganz



Flora Gallery

First Place Winner - [Radish Flower](#) by Richard Loader

"A really excellent and very enjoyable image. The three water drops towards the tips of the petals really grab one attention, making a lovely triangle that leads the eye into the shot. Quite simply a wonderful image." *Matthew Pugh*

1st Honorable Mention - [Fern On Burn](#) by Mike Moats

2nd Honorable Mention - [Desert Phlox](#) by Mark Hudon



Macro/Close-up Gallery

First Place Winner - [Dragonfly in Flight, Green Darner](#) by Daniella Theoret

"I've seen a lot of shots of this species in flight and this is right up there with the best of them, nice job." *Ronnie Gaubert*

1st Honorable Mention - [Crab Spider](#) by Jay Barnes

2nd Honorable Mention - [1001 Sunrises](#) by Doug Benner



Man & Nature Gallery

First Place Winner - [The Nature Photographer](#) by Ned Fenimore

"Ned, you are the waterfall master. Well done, again!" *Ross Wordhouse*

1st Honorable Mention - [Palouse Farmlands](#) by Joe Kayne

2nd Honorable Mention - [Winter at Mabry Hill](#) by Jerry Greer



Photo Art Gallery

First Place Winner - [Autumn in the Park](#) by Cindy Germek

"Fantastic shot! I love the depth of focus you achieved here...this one pulls me right into the frame." *Cindy Mead*

1st Honorable Mention - [Magnolia Bloom in Washington D.C.](#) by Elizabeth Kimes

2nd Honorable Mention - [St. Helens Wildflowers](#) by Zack Schnepf



Weekly Challenge Gallery

First Place Winner - [WC #123 Teewinot](#) by William Brozy

"Goodness... this is really magical!! I love photos with almost surreal layers like this. Clouds can be our best friends, right? Couldn't be better in my opinion!" *Arthur Sevestre*

1st Honorable Mention - [WC #151 Anthracite Range](#) by Adam Schallau

2nd Honorable Mention - [WC #134 Self Portrait](#) by Phillip Noll



What They Won

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