



February 2023 Newsletter

Image of the Month



Some months I have a hard time picking a featured image because it's just not been a great month for photography. This month I had the opposite problem. I had so many great opportunities and shots I wanted to feature. There was everything from artistic shots of snakes to freeze-frame shots of bats. However, my favorite was this tender moment between two Brown-hooded Parrots. I updated many of the galleries on my website with new images, so check them out for some more cool shots!

[My Favorites Gallery](#)

Featured Artist

Mario Wong is a Costa Rican photographer who focuses on wildlife and pet photography. He has represented the country as part of Team Costa Rica at the World Photography Cup for the last few years. His image of a male Volcano Hummingbird was awarded as the best entry for Costa Rica and qualified for the Top 10 in the Wildlife category. The winners will be announced on March 17th so keep an eye out for the final results! Meanwhile, check out Mario's Instagram for some other great photographs.



Mario's Instagram

Fascinating Fact

Costa Rica is home to 141 species of snakes. Despite the (undeserved) bad rap they get, most snakes aren't dangerous to humans. Only 23 of the 141 species in Costa Rica are dangerous to humans. And they are rarely a threat! I was thrilled to photograph a few of these 141 species this past month.



It was hard to pick a favorite (so check out the gallery for more) but I really was happy with this shot of a (venomous) Eyelash Palm Pit Viper.

[Gallery](#)

Article of the Month



Searching for Owls

A few days ago Nancy and I got up at 1:30 am and spent several hours hiking at over 10,000 feet of elevation searching for the elusive Unspotted Saw-Whet Owl, the highest dwelling owl in Costa Rica. Check out this article and accompanying video about

A self-portrait taken around 3 am the adventure.
near the summit of Irazú
Volcano.

Article

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