



## October 2022 Newsletter

### Image of the Month



While I am principally a wildlife photographer, I've been working to capture environmental (landscape) images for a yet to be announced project. This photo was captured on the outskirts of Juan Castro Blanco National Park in Costa Rica. JCBNP protects the headwaters of five important rivers and was created specifically with protecting this important source of fresh water in mind. Check out more of my landscape photos in this gallery:

[Gallery](#)

### Featured Artist

This month's featured Costa Rican artist is landscape photographer Alex D. Rojas. This photo he posted (which made my jaw drop!) shows some of the northern volcanic range of Costa Rica and Nicaragua. The

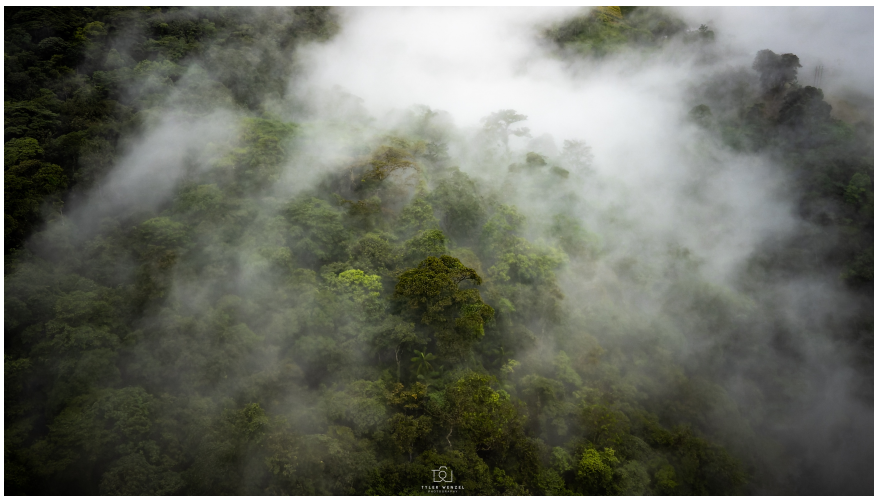
foreground shows the active Rincón de la Vieja Volcano and the older Cacao-Orosí dormant volcano complex. In the background to the left you can see Concepción and Maderas Volcanoes in Nicaragua, and to the right of the photo are Miravalles and Tenorio Volcanoes in Costa Rica.



Alex's Instagram

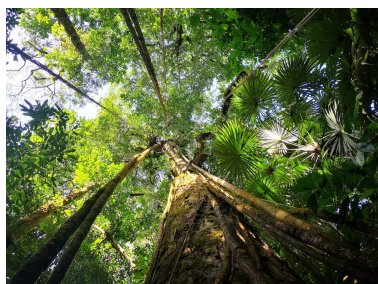
## Fascinating Fact

The stretch of land from Costa Rica down through Panamá and into western Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru has the highest plant diversity anywhere in the world. Costa Rica alone has over twice as many tree species (around 2,000) than all of North America (around 1,000)!



*The abundant rainfall in Costa Rica's Tilarán Mountain Range helps contribute to the diversity of tree species.*

## Article of the Month



*Staring up into the canopy from*

### Into the Wilderness

What is it like to spend three days and two nights off the grid in a place National Geographic has called “the most biologically intense place on Earth?” My wife and I, along with internationally renowned guide Nito Paniagua,

*the base of a massive wild cashew tree. This tree, in the same genus as the tree we get edible cashews from, is about 500 years old. It is one of many massive, old-growth trees in Corcovado.*

ventured into the depths of Corcovado National Park. Read about photographing a species of owl that is probably not-yet-described to science, encounters with the largest mammals in Central America, and a run in with the deadliest snake in the Americas.

[Read Article](#)

## News and What's to Come

Thanks to all of you who bought prints during the September Sale that benefitted the Costa Rica Wildlife Foundation. \$40 was raised for the foundation.



### Looking Forward

October is a busy month! I am going to be filming and photographing literally all over the country. As I write this I am packing to head down to the border with Panamá to capture some of Costa Rica's beautiful endemic birds. Over on my YouTube channel I'm going to begin posting some travelogue-style content, so if you enjoy nature focused travel videos, please check out my YouTube.

[YouTube](#)

### Social Spot

In addition to longer form YouTube content, I've also been working on higher quality short-form content for Tiktok. Several videos have notched over 100,000 views and [this video](#) had almost half a million in the last week!

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