



# September 2022 Newsletter

## Image of the Month

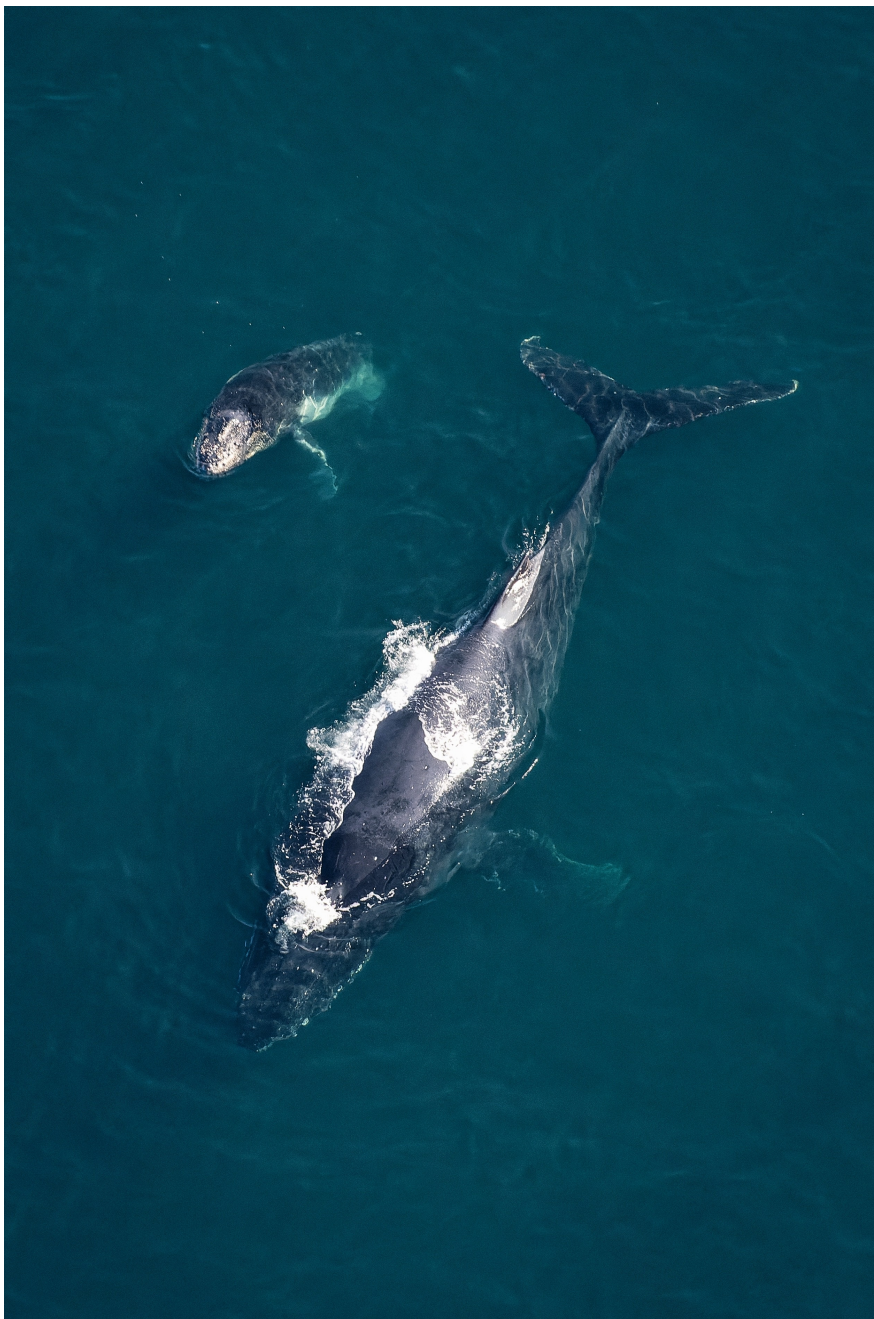


This photo was captured in Boca Tapada, in the remote northeast of Costa Rica in August, 2022. I loved the dramatic look of him staring down the lens along with the texture that the markings on his beak give to the image. Check out the gallery from this day trip:

[Gallery](#)

## Featured Artist

Every month I plan to feature another Costa Rican artist's work. This month, I've selected aerial photographer Felipe Chavez. Felipe is a pilot and captures some stunning shots out the window of his plane. He recently captured the arrival of some of the first northern hemisphere migratory whales for the year.



Felipe's Instagram

## Fascinating Fact

Costa Rica is **incredibly** biodiverse. As a small country, it is 20th in the world for total species, but it's completely without rival in terms of biodiversity. Two stats that blew my mind.

Costa Rica is number one in the world for the most number of plant species per 1,000 km<sup>2</sup> of land area. There are 234.9 species per 1,000 km<sup>2</sup>. Second place is Colombia with 39.4.





*Cloud forests are extremely species dense habitats.*

Likewise, for birds it has 16.9 bird species per 1,000 km<sup>2</sup>. Colombia has the highest total number of species (almost 2,000). However it has a species density of about 1.5 species per 1,000 km<sup>2</sup>.

## Article of the Month



*In April, I was fortunate enough to photograph the first recorded sighting of an American Golden-Plover for Costa Rica's Osa Peninsula. These extreme migrants travel from southern Argentina and Chile up to the Arctic to breed.*

### Wonderful Tales of Bird Migration

Bird migrations are well underway in the northern hemisphere. (For US Readers, check out [this live migration map](#).) As I write this newsletter, over 100,000,000 (yes that's the right number of 0s) birds crossed Texas heading towards Central America just last night. In this article I share some of my favorite points from Scott Weidensaul's excellent book on the "The Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds".

Read Article

## News and What's to Come

I'm running a special sale on 8x10 prints for the month of September 2022! Choose any image from my website for just \$15. Or get two for \$25. Contact me for more details.

From each image sold I will be donating \$3 to the [Costa Rica Wildlife Foundation](#), a multidisciplinary team that promotes coexistence with wildlife.

## Images

Congrats to Tim J who is the winner of a free 8x10 print for signing up for this newsletter! Tim selected this photo of a Red-eyed Tree Frog.



Tim signed up for the newsletter directly from my Instagram post, so in the spirit of still giving away two prints, I asked him to pick a random number to decide on the second winner. Congrats to Cathy M who selected the following image:





## Looking Forward

Over the next three months I am continuing to film and research my next virtual Zoom tour, the long awaited “Wildlife of Costa Rica” tour. Stay tuned for more information.

For a preview of what I'm filming check out the “Costa Rica Wildlife” playlist over on my YouTube channel.

[YouTube](#)

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