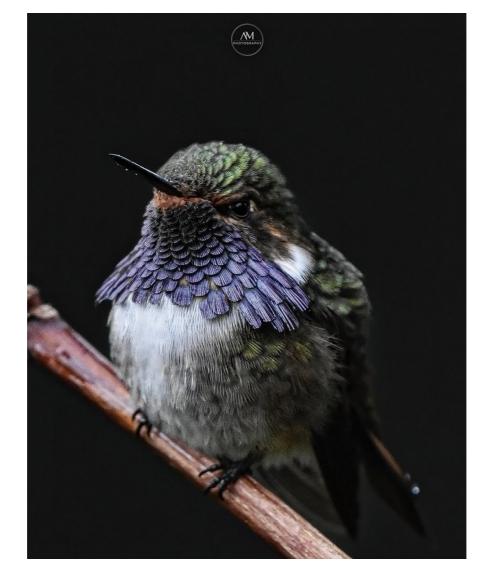# November 2023 Newsletter

Image of the Month

I wonder how many times a picture of this species has been my image of the month? I think this might be the third time. But the Fiery-throated Hummingbird is just such a stunning jewel of nature it's hard not to be infatuated with it.

Featured Artist

This month's featured artist is Agustín Murillo, the main photographer behind the Instagram page @Hummingbirds_of_CostaRica. I obviously love hummingbird photography and his images are always top notch.

While I've managed plenty of shots of the female of this species (Volcano Hummingbird), I've yet to get a great shot of a male with its beautiful deep purple gorget. And I like the moody lighting look from his edit style on this image. For more hummingbirds from Costa Rica check out the page he manages.

Instagram

Fascinating Fact

There are 120 species of kingfishers worldwide. The name kingfisher is a bit misleading, quite a few species don't do any fishing at all! However in the Americas there are only six species of kingfisher, including the smallest the [American Pygmy Kingfisher](#) (*Chloroceryle aenea*) photographed above.

There are only a few places in the Americas where you can spot all six species in one area, and Costa Rica is one of those few places (the others being the neighboring countries of Southern Central America).

News

This month's newsletter was intentionally brief. As I mentioned last month, I wasn't sure if I'd have the time to make this one. But now I'm happy to announce what is coming! As this newsletter hits your inbox I should be touching down in Argentina, somewhere I've wanted to visit for as long as I can remember. If all goes well I will be making some travelogues/mini-nature documentaries from Patagonia, walking with penguins, creating stunning landscape photos, and maybe even hitting my goal of seeing 1,000 bird species in 2023. Lots of exciting content to come!