



*Amphiprion Chrysopterus © Steven Fisher*

### Nature *Image of the Year* Competition

- Nature images receiving Best of Show Medal or Best Wildlife Medal in international exhibitions compete

### Recognition

- Star Ratings recognize PSA members, based upon acceptances in PSA-recognized nature exhibitions
- Who's Who annually recognizes PSA members who receive a minimum number of acceptances in PSA-recognized nature exhibitions by publishing photographer names in the *PSA Journal*



*Cranes Taking Off © Tom Savage*



*Monument Valley Rainbow © Marilyn Cloran*

### Code of Practice

- The Code of Practice encourages protections of nature subjects and the environment, study of nature subjects for better understanding and photographic capture, minimizing disruption and maximizing well-being of nature subjects
- The Code of Practice also includes rules and limitations on editing, modifications and enhancements of nature images so that the nature story is told truthfully
- The Code of Practice provides "Nature Image" and "Wildlife Image" definitions to guide photographers who wish to enter PSA-recognized exhibitions, individual and interclub nature and/or wildlife competitions



*Defense Posture © Richard Cloran*



*Ripples and Yucca © John Davis*

### Join PSA and partake of Nature Division services and activities to enjoy and learn more about Nature photography.

PSA members can be considered a MEMBER of the Nature Division by: Receiving a Nature Division Star Rating; or Participating as a member, secretary or commentator of a Nature digital or slide study group; or Being a director or assistant director of a Nature Division Activity; or Holding a past or present Nature Division elected office.

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*Aurora Borealis 1 © John C. Fuller*

# PSA

## Photographic Society of America *The Nature Division...*



*Approaching Bear © Carol Bailey*

### *...Wants You!*



If you appreciate Nature and like to photograph nature subjects, we encourage you to join the Nature Division of PSA



Dewey California Poppy © John Avera

### The Nature Division is Worldwide

The Nature Division is for PSA members from around the world who enjoy and appreciate nature and the natural environment, and are interested in photographically telling an honest nature story of the beauty, order and design of natural things, from the microscopic world to the stars.

### The Nature Division's Purposes

The Nature Division has served PSA members since 1940. Its purposes are to stimulate interest in all phases of nature photography, to promote social and professional fellowship among its members, to disseminate photographic information and techniques, and to advance nature photography.



Robberfly with a Prey © Reynante Aguila

### The Nature Division's Services and Activities

#### Study Groups

- Digital and Slide Groups
- View and evaluate group member images
- Receive advice from the group commentator
- Learn to improve pictorial quality and the nature story value
- Share nature image making information with group members
- Develop friendships

#### Club Competitions

- For camera clubs with a PSA Club Membership
- Digital and Slide competitions are conducted several times per year
- Clubs can learn with other clubs, and measure their skills by comparison to other participating clubs



Bull Frog and Mate © Shiv Verma

### Permanent Image Collection

- The Division keeps a permanent image collection for use by PSA clubs, councils, and chapters.

### Essay Contest

- Create mini-shows from digital or slide images
- Script of up to 1000 words
- Tell a nature or conservation story



Hyena Eating Wildebeest © Samuel G. Shaw

### Identification Service

- Assistance with the identification of natural subjects including technical names
- The Division provides encouragement to learn about nature subjects and capture story-telling images

### Personal Evaluation Service

- Receive objective, unbiased evaluation of images with suggestions for improvement primarily for new PSA members and those new to nature photography
- Learn what a nature image is, how to improve image quality, and how to enter or improve success in nature exhibitions



Ant Captured by Sundew © Daniel Charbonnet

### Instruction and Entertainment Sets for Learning and Programs

- Permanent collection of past winning images
- Instruction and exhibition sets for learning nature photography
- TOPS images of medal and honors awarded images from nature exhibitions



Jellyfish © Ian Ledgard