



**CATEGORY 2: Endangered Birds** (there are 389 species that are considered to be at very high risk of becoming extinct in the foreseeable future) **Winner** **Tim Laman:** a beautiful study of a **Marquesan Imperial-pigeon** from the island of Nuku Hiva in French Polynesia. **Runner-up** **David Stowe:** a lovely image of a **Swift Parrot** from Australia. **Third place** **Myron Tay:** a wonderful photo of a **Masked Finfoot** from South-East Asia. **Fourth place** **Greg & Yvonne Dean:** a fantastic image of a flock of **El Oro Parakeets** from Ecuador. Erik Hirschfeld, Editor of *The World's Rarest Birds*, said "We would like to thank all the photographers who kindly submitted their images to the project. Having so many fantastic photos to choose from has enabled us to present the most complete collection of photographs of the most threatened birds ever published." "Of the 590 species featured in the book, we managed to obtain photos of 515. That is an amazing 87% of the 590 species that are currently categorized as either Extinct in the Wild, Critically Endangered or Endangered. We are very grateful to Princeton University Press, *WILDGuides*, Lynx Edicions and BirdLife International who kindly supported the project by providing a range of attractive prizes for the competition. I am sure that this support helped to encourage more people to submit their images for use in this important project."

TWRB 2012 Photo Comp CR COMMENDED Silvery Wood-pigeon (c) James Eaton - TheWorldsRarestBirds

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Silvery Wood-pigeon. Commended in the Critically Endangered category (James Eaton)

TWRB 2012 Photo Comp EN 2ND PRIZE Swift Parrot (c) David Stowe - TheWorldsRarestBirds

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Swift Parrot. Runner up in the Endangered Category (David Stowe)

Andy Swash, Managing Director of the publisher WILD*Guides* and joint Editor of the book said "We are delighted to have been able to work closely with BirdLife International in producing *The World's Rarest Birds*. It is undoubtedly a stunning and beautifully illustrated book. But its key message is poignant – a large proportion of the world's birds, including every one that is depicted, is threatened with extinction. This is a great concern to many and I just hope that the production of *The World's Rarest Birds* will help to raise awareness and make some contribution to their conservation." Hundreds of fantastic photographs were submitted to the 2012 competition and selecting the winners proved very difficult. One of the judges, professional bird photographer David Tipling, said "Despite the rarity of the birds featured in *The World's Rarest Birds*, the quality of the images entered into the competition was truly amazing. I love the idea of encouraging photographers to support an important conservation cause by allowing their images to be published in this way." Ade Long, BirdLife's Head of Communications said, "The response to *The World's Rarest Birds* photo competitions was astonishing. The number of entries was almost overwhelming, and the quality of the images just breathtaking. This is a fantastic book, but it provides a powerful reminder of the large number of species – many of them extremely beautiful – that are on the brink of extinction. The book contains maps and information developed using BirdLife's data on all the world's 10,000 bird species"

*The World's Rarest Birds* project has stepped up as a Species Champion in support of the [BirdLife Preventing Extinctions Programme](#).