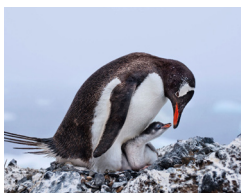


# 2017 AUDUBON PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS SHOW

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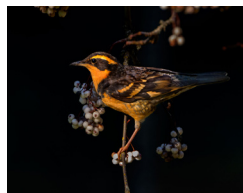
## Grand Prize Winner

**Photographer:** Deborah Albert  
**Species:** Gentoo Penguin  
**Location:** Brown Bluff, Antarctica  
"Walking along the beach, I noticed this penguin in a nest made of rocks. I watched for a long while and, finally, one chick appeared. I took many shots, but this one touched me the most—the warmest love in the coldest place."



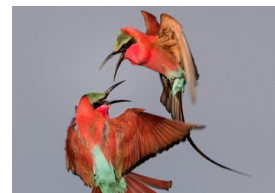
## Professional Winner

**Photographer:** Steve Mattheis  
**Species:** Great Gray Owl  
**Location:** Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming  
"On a soggy fall morning, I found this owl sitting out in the open, getting drenched. It took off and crash-landed into a sapling, flapping its wings as it struggled for balance. I could tell it was a juvenile, and I thought, "This bird has a lot to learn."



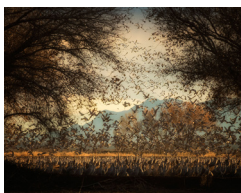
## Amateur Winner

**Photographer:** Heather Roskelley  
**Species:** Varied Thrush  
**Location:** Washington Park Arboretum, Seattle  
"I visited the arboretum's mountain-ash collection on four days, and every day the thrushes were in the treetops or back branches. On the last day, I saw a bird and slowly positioned myself; luckily, it was more interested in the berries, and I was able to capture this shot."



## Youth Winner

**Photographer:** Zachary Webster  
**Species:** Southern Carmine Bee-eater  
**Location:** Luangwa River, South Luangwa National Park, Zambia  
"Along a riverbank, a colony of Southern Carmine Bee-eaters were battling for space. My challenge was finding a pair and keeping them in frame and in focus. A Carmine battle is a blur; it wasn't until I studied my shots that I fully appreciated the jousting."



## Professional Honorable Mention

**Photographer:** Karen R. Schuenemann  
**Species:** Sandhill Cranes and Snow Geese  
**Location:** Bernardo Waterfowl Management Area, New Mexico  
"On a stormy late January afternoon, I stood watching a field as thousands of Snow Geese and Sandhill Cranes fed on corn. Dramatic storm clouds surrounded us and there was nothing but flat gray light—until suddenly, the sun broke through just as the birds lifted off."



## Amateur Honorable Mention

**Photographer:** Christopher Schlaf  
**Species:** Mute Swan  
**Location:** Washington, Michigan  
"To me, this photo represents the struggle for survival; this young swan is the only remaining cygnet of eight. I felt that if the parents would tip up at the same time with the baby swan in between them, I would have something pretty spectacular—and that's exactly what happened."



## Youth Honorable Mention

**Photographer:** Will Hillscher  
**Species:** Black Vulture  
**Location:** Williamson County, Round Rock, Texas  
"Though I often overlook Black Vultures, I encountered a large group feasting on roadkill near my house. The cloudy sky made things difficult, but by lowering my shutter speed and raising my ISO, I was able to capture this vulture just as he jumped to claim a higher perch."



## Amateur Top 100

**Photographer:** Ann Pacheco  
**Species:** Atlantic Puffin  
**Location:** Grimsey Island, Iceland  
The cliffs of Grimsey Island house a large colony of puffins. Lying at the top of the cliff, Pacheco waited to capture the delivery of food to the chicks. Unlike most of the chicks, which scarfed down small fish, this one had a Medusa-like beakful of eels.



## Professional Top 100

**Photographer:** Scott Dere  
**Species:** Peregrine Falcon  
**Location:** New York City, NY  
Dere found a few birds bathing in a huge puddle in a Bronx parking lot. When this Peregrine Falcon came along, it scared them all away. Dere inched his car forward just enough to get a photo. Surprisingly, the falcon wasn't afraid—it continued to do its own thing.



## Amateur Top 100

**Photographer:** Warren Hatch  
**Species:** American Oystercatcher  
**Location:** Lido Beach, NY  
After foraging in the surf, this adult American Oystercatcher headed back to the nest with a small crab. One chick spied the meal before his two siblings and hurried over. You could almost sense the parent's pride (and amusement), Hatch says, as the chick wrestled to break into the crab.



## Amateur Top 100

**Photographer:** Chris Hartzell  
**Species:** Ring-necked Duck  
**Location:** Dead Horse State Park, Cottonwood, AZ  
Hartzell enjoys the challenge of capturing creatures as they rise out of water, like this Ring-necked Duck. Auto focus wouldn't work, so he had to focus manually. But for the second time in more than 30 years, Hartzell got the image, conveying the unique dynamics he was after.



## Amateur Top 100

**Photographer:** Linda Koo  
**Species:** Sandhill Crane  
**Location:** Bernardo Waterfowl Area, Ladd S. Gordon Waterfowl Complex, NM  
Before taking off for their nighttime wetland roosts, thousands of Sandhill Cranes had gathered in this field for a last meal, exhibiting their flashy displays and evocative vocalizations. Being there to capture this shot, Koo says, is to be a privileged part of that landscape.