



Coup d'Etat by Christine Hansen

2009 photography contest winners

Beautiful photographs! This year's spectacular assortment of entries shows glimpses of nature people rarely get to see, and a look into the secret (and not-so-secret) lives of birds, mammals and insects. Our Grand Prize Winner (above) is entitled *Coup d'Etat* by photographer Christine Hansen, but at WildCare we like to think of it as *Ninja Junco!* It captures the importance of territory in the lives of songbirds, and tells a dramatic story. These photos serve to remind us that we are not alone on this beautiful earth. They inspire us to cherish and protect all of its inhabitants.

With more than 140 entries from which to choose, judging our third annual photo contest was a real challenge. Each of our three entry categories, *Bay Area Wild Animals in Their Natural Settings*, *General Nature* and *Living with Wildlife* inspired

gorgeous, compelling and striking images that showcased the beauty of the Bay Area's wildlife and wild lands.

The photographs judged to be the top five in each category are listed and shown in the gallery on page 5.

Presenting Sponsor Tamalpais Bank will be hosting a traveling exhibition of the winning photos at their branches in Marin County. Visit wildcarebayarea.org/photocontest for a schedule.

We extend special thanks to our hard-working professional photographer judges, Farnum Alston, Trish Carney, Frankie Frost, Caroline James and Tim Porter, for contributing their time and expertise.

**Plan now to enter
WildCare's 2010 competition!**



Snowy Eget Landing by Richard Pavek

Best In Show:

Coup d' Etat (page 4)
Christine Hansen

**Bay Area Wild Animals in
Their Natural Settings:**

Snowy Egret Landing
Richard Pavek

Living with Wildlife:

*California Quail Fluffing
Feathers (on the cover)*
Christine Hansen

General Nature:

Yacht Club Morning
Evaristo Buendia-Carrera

People's Choice:

Red-tailed Hawk Juvenile
Lisa Woldin



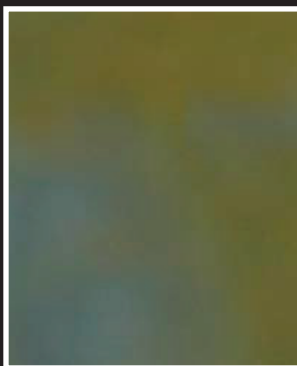
Yacht Club Morning by Evaristo Buendia-Carrera



Red-tailed Hawk Juvenile by Lisa Woldin



Angela Neal Grove



Christine Hansen



Carmen Vargas



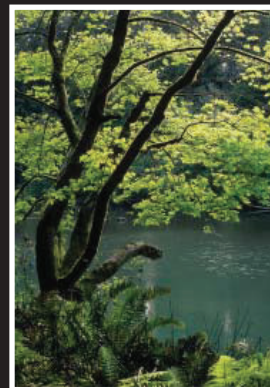
Mike Ryan



Allan Saunders



Jack Lam



Gordon Beebe



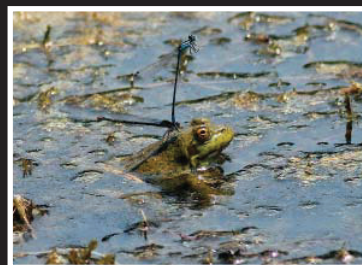
Richard Pavek



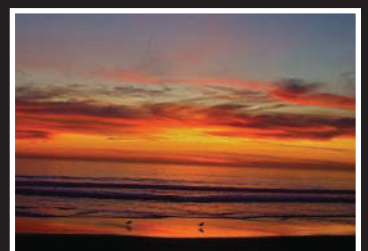
Joan Robins



Laura Millholland



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Kelly Moore