

Announcements

Bird Photograph of the Year

Established in 1976, this competition seeks to recognise the best and/or the most scientifically interesting bird photograph. Up to three colour transparencies, each taken during 2002, may be submitted by each photographer. Preference is given to photographs taken in the Western Palearctic (Europe, North Africa and the Middle East), but those of species on the West Palearctic List taken anywhere in the world are also eligible. The winner will receive a Sprayway Gore-Tex jacket, an inscribed salver and £100; the two runners-up will receive £50 and

£25; all three winners will also receive books presented by Christopher Helm/A&C Black and HarperCollins Publishers. An additional award of an engraved goblet and £100 is presented by The Eric Hosking Trust for the highest-placed photograph submitted by an entrant aged 25 or under. Closing date for entries: 28th February. For full details of the rules, visit our website (www.britishbirds.co.uk), or write to *British Birds* (BPY), The Banks, Mountfield, Robertsbridge, East Sussex TN32 5JY, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Past winners:

Michael C. Wilkes (1977), Peter Lowes (1978), Dr Edmund Fellowes (1979), Don Smith (1980), Richard T. Mills (1981), Dennis Coutts (1982), David M. Cottridge (1983), John Lawton Roberts (1984), C. R. Knights (1985), Alan Moffett (1986), Dr Kevin Carlson (1987), Bob Glover (1988 & 1992), Hanne Eriksen (1989 & 1990), Philip Perry (1991), Alan Williams (1993 & 1994), Mike Lane (1995), Roger Tidman (1996, 2001 & 2002), Jens Eriksen (1997 & 1998), Tony Hamblin (1999) and Alan Petty (2000).



The winner of the 2003 BPY will receive a Sprayway Gore-Tex jacket



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Bird Illustrator of the Year

We regret to announce that we will not be running this competition in 2003. We do, however, hope to continue to encourage new artists by retaining that part of the Award which seeks to provide high-quality colour artwork, suitable for the front cover of *BB*. A further announcement regarding this will appear shortly.

Free subscriptions for County/Regional Recorders

British Birds and Carl Zeiss Ltd, sponsors of BBRC, are jointly continuing to offer free annual subscriptions to *British Birds* to all County/Regional Recorders, to acknowledge and thank them for the hard work which they contribute to British ornithology.

Photographs and drawings for sale

Many of the photographers and artists whose work appears in *BB* appreciate the opportunity to sell their work. Anyone who wishes to obtain photographic prints or original artwork is welcome to enquire about their availability. Write to the photographer or artist concerned, c/o *British Birds*, The Banks, Mountfield, Robertsbridge, East Sussex TN32 5JY.