Photo Contest Winners

On Saturday morning, August 8th, seven judges studied and stewed over a room full of beautiful photos and slides. All were entries in the recent 1981 Watchbird Photo Contest. The prints were displayed in the main commercial exhibit hall throughout AFA's 7th Annual Convention. The winners of the slide category were shown at the Saturday evening banquet. The only shortage of entries fell in the black and white category, where too few were present to make a fair selection.

This year's entries were judged not only for their clarity of subject, composition, and artistic execution, but also for the rarity and or difficulty of working with a particular species. Since there were more "winners" than "winning positions," the Watchbird staff selected additional photos to be held and printed in future Watchbirds as circumstances permit.

The judges were: Sue Dingle, Don Wells, Larry McPhail, Jean Hessler, Nancy Vigran, Bill Mackey, and Helen Willett. Confronted with a great host of potential winners, they debated for two hours with wide and varied opinions. Finally the results were narrowed down to the list below. Our congratulations to the winners, and a special thanks to all who took the time to enter! You put on a fine show!

All winners are listed below, but only the winners of the color print category are shown in this issue. Not all photos are shown in color here, but all color photos will be shown in color in future Watchbird issues. Next issue of Watchbird will feature the winners of the color slide category.

COLOR PRINTS
1st—Marie Pierce, Enid, Oklahoma
   Black capped sugarbird
2nd—Kevin F. Kerr, Chula Vista, California
   Hyacinth Macaw
3rd—Stan Wilson, Fresno, California
   Great Indian hornbill
3rd—Peter B. Faust, Woodland Hills, California
   Heck's shafttail finches
Honorable Mention
James F. Newland, National City, California
   Baby cockatoo
Howard and Penny Burke, Covina, California
   Indian ringneck and friend
Ann M. Burdette, Gaithersburg, Maryland
   Lesser sulfur crested cockatoo

COLOR SLIDES
1st—Anders Hansson and Stefan Norberg, Djursholm, Sweden
   Sulfur crested cockatoo (Cacatua galerita galerita)
2nd—Derek Pruitt, Bozeman, Montana
   Tropical birds in Montana
3rd—Alan Christian, Brownfield, Maine
   Baby red rump
Honorable Mention
Alan Christian, Brownfield, Maine
   Yellow collared macaws
Alan Christian, Brownfield, Maine
   Scarlet macaws
Colleen Summerfield, Monterey Park, California
   Grey cheeked parrot

Howard and Penny Burke, Covina, California—Indian ringneck and friend
2nd—Kevin F. Kerr, Chula Vista, California—Hyacinth macaw
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