

BIRDS

MAGIC MOMENTS

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The vibrant and exciting world of birds is shown in all its glory in this new book from renowned Finnish wildlife photographer **Markus Varesvuo**, who has trekked to remote and beautiful locations to capture birds in their natural habitat going about their daily lives. Moments seldom seen by human eyes are exquisitely captured and presented here in a striking array of beautiful colour images.

Birds: Magic Moments showcases 150 amazing photographs of birds in the wild. Neatly themed with sections on courtship and display; hunting and feeding; fighting and camouflage to name but a few, birds both familiar and not so familiar are presented in a truly unique light. From the subtle hues of a magpie's plumage to a common gull protecting her nest, each bird is identified with its common name and its Latin name, and a short description accompanies each photograph. This book is a celebration of birds in motion and a photographic study of movement that is sure to captivate any bird lover or wildlife photography enthusiast.



Markus Varesvuo has been a professional wildlife photographer since 2005, though he has been photographing birds since 1988. He is a founding member of the website www.birdphoto.fi. He has won many awards for his photography, and his photographs have appeared in many publications. His published books include *Birds by Water* (2007) and *Survivors: Birds of Snow and Ice* (2008).

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Great Grey Owl

In late winter, the owls often hunt in open fields if the woods run out of voles. The birds can be quite fearless and if a photographer waits patiently it is possible to get pictures of an authentic hunt [...] Some individuals learn to come to bait such as small pieces of meat.



European Bee Eater

It requires a lot of persistence and luck to take a picture of a bee-eater that is just about to catch an insect. The bird will then return to its favourite perch with its prey, which it kills by beating it and then tossing it in the air to align it for easy swallowing.



Red-Throated Diver

Since they like to nest in small marshy ponds that usually have no fish, the parents bring food for their chicks from nearby lakes. Landing into a headwind, the parent returns spectacularly, splashing into the water.



White-tailed Eagle and Common Gull

The gull uses its agility and swiftness against the eagle's superior strength and size when trying to defend its nest.



Barnacle Geese

The geese flock together in autumn to forage on open fields before flying to their roosting rocks out at sea late in the evening. This picture is taken with almost no light and no intention to freeze any movement. Instead it portrays the atmosphere of a huge flock taking off in moonlight.