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Trevor Penfold. A passionate man.

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Trevor Penfold's outward appearance belies his inner passion for wildlife, photography and conservation.

This passion has driven him to produce and publish a book of photography and accompanying text, of exquisite brilliance.

He and his wife Jenny have established their own publishing company to keep the finished work competitively priced.

Trevor, from the UK, spent the first part of his life as a developer and builder. He discovered a love of photography fourteen years ago, attended a short college course but describes himself as "mainly self taught".

His passion for wildlife came whilst honeymooning in Africa where he was captivated by the multitude and beauty of the African animals.

Returning to England he found he lacked the time to pursue his new found passion so Jenny, six year old Amelia and he moved to New Zealand, planning to extensively tour both islands. However, while staying with friends in Raglan to recover from jet lag they decided Raglan had everything they wanted so they have stayed and have never regretted the decision.

'Visions of Nature – New Zealand's Wild in the West' took Trevor eight months to complete, although he admits some of the photos are older. The taut but descriptive text was completed ahead of schedule. But the photos, ranging from landscapes, birds, insects and spiders, are the key to this amazing book. All of the photos are taken within Whaingaroa Harbour and coast line. Priced at \$58, including GST, this book could become a future text book for aspiring students.

The book launch of 'Visions of Nature' opens at 10.30am until 12.00pm Saturday 18th December at the Old School Arts Centre, Stewart Street when light refreshments will be available. Trevor will be there to sign books and discuss his work. Fourteen original images from the book will be on display. After that he will be present from 10.00am to 5.00pm each day until 24th December.

Merry Christmas.