



Wild Behaviour – a New Zealand Perspective by Trevor Penfold

Trevor Penfold has a unique take on the world. Fortunately he has the ability to share his stunning vision, through the lens of his camera. There is no doubt the award-winning wildlife and nature photographer has captured the heart of some of New Zealand's most unique animal life in this spectacular coffee table book, *Wild Behaviour*. While the visual appeal is easily enough to endear the book, it is also fascinatingly informative and educational.

In *Wild Behaviour*, the Raglan-based photographer takes the reader/viewer on a journey alongside him. He describes the animals' behavior and how he captured the images, with the information about the field-craft and techniques of wildlife photography (full technical photographic details are shown separately in a chapter at the end of the book, together with thumbnails of all the images, providing easy access for keen photographers). Using his skills to showcase the amazing diversity of animals with which we share our planet, his aim is to raise awareness of the importance of using the environment in a sustainable way – not only for our benefit, but also for all the other species that depend upon it. He particularly focuses on capturing images that engage the viewer in order to develop a connection with the subject – whether on an emotional, artistic or intellectual level.

Trevor also discusses the environmental stresses facing these animals, and some of the groups and organisations which are trying to make a positive difference to specific species and the environment in general. Trevor lives in Raglan, New Zealand, with his wife and daughter. Since the publication of his first book, *Visions of Nature*, his images have won awards in the 2012 ANZANG nature photography competition.

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