

The beloved photographer Ansel Adams was once challenged with the question: Why were there no people in his photos? His simple answer: There were always at least two people in every photograph he made—himself and the person viewing it. In Ed Henry's bird and nature photography we might add that the living creatures, mostly birds, that inhabit his photos are also present, not only as subjects to compose in an attractive image but participants in the grand journeys that make up the fullness of life.

The seven spreads in this simple book are a brief glimpse into the many such journeys Ed undertook. These are global journeys, spanning four continents and decades of his life. Each image seeks to capture something of the mystery of life as revealed in that split second of exposure. Ed's life was filled with explorations of this mystery, whether as a cultural anthropologist, musicologist, naturalist, or husband and father.

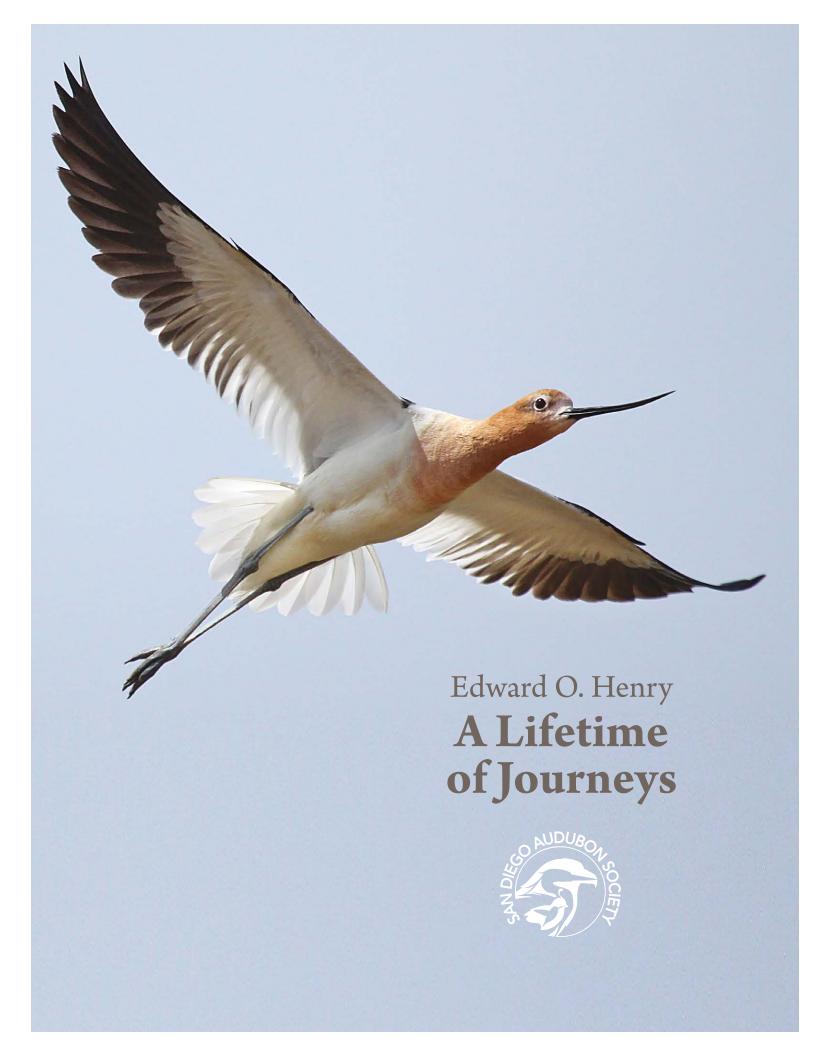
His long participation in the work of the board of directors of San Diego Audubon led to full terms as both vice president and president, and subsequently the important role of former president. He brought grace and dignity to each task, and faced every challenge with calm purpose. For that we are grateful. But his passion for the living creatures of this planet, human and animal, in all their splendid diversity, was the driving force, I believe, behind his disciplined efforts.

Making the selections shown here, out of hundreds of images (and those having already been chosen out of thousands), was not an easy process. The goal was to integrate the experiences of Ed's journeys, unique to him, into an assemblage that could be shared by many, with special meaning to those who were closest to him and have important memories of their own.

The photo below shows Ed, back to the camera of a fellow traveler, standing alone in a dry field in Gijarat, India. The sun is sliding toward a hazy horizon. What are his thoughts? We will leave those to Ed, and find ourselves, as he did, savoring the moment of reflection.

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Clockwise from top left: Brandt's Cormorants, Marbled Godwit, Rufous Hummingbird, Forster's Tern, Clark's Grebe (inset), Greater Roadrunner, Hooded Oriole, Prairie Falcon, Blue Grosbeak, Yellow-breasted Chat, Heerman's Gull, Spotted Sandpiper.













Left page: Greater Sage-Grouse in lek displays. Right page, clockwise: Sandhill Cranes, Summer Tanager, Red-headed Woodpecker, Eastern Meadowlark, Eastern Kingbird, Painted Redstart, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Pyrrhuloxia, Pileated Woodpecker.









































Left page, clockwise: White -necked Jacobin, Magnificent Frigatebird, Green Honeycreeper, Crested Caracara, Long-billed Starthroat, Tufted Flycatcher, Scarlet Ibis, Blue-gray Tanager. Right page, clockwise: Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Tufted Cocquette, Crested Oropendula, Motmot, Yellow Oriole, Rufous-capped Warbler, Red-breasted Chat, W. Mexican Chacalaca, Trinidad Euphonia.

































Left page, clockwise: Cock of the Rock, Black-tailed Trogon, Sparkling Violetear, White-whiskered Hermit, Brassy-breasted Tanager, Powerful Woodpecker, Maroon-bellied Parakeet, Saffron Toucanet. Right page, clockwise: Hoatzin, Harpy Eagle, Golden Tanager, Blue-winged Mountain Tanager, Bat Falcon, Resplendent Quetzal, Red-headed Barbet.





























Left page, clockwise: African Sacred Ibis, Purple-banded Sunbird, Cape Robin-chat, Black-bellied Bustard, Malachite Sunbird.
Right page, clockwise: African Hoopoe, African Grey Hormbill, Little Sparrowhawk, Chinspot Batis, Weaver finch (above), Cape White Eye, Crested Barbet







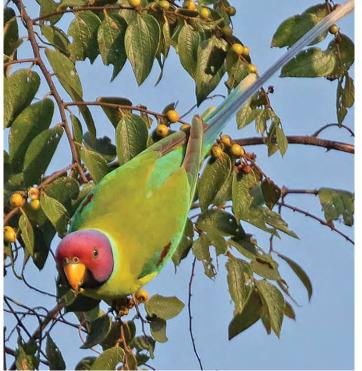






















India



Left page, clockwise: White-throated Kingfisher, Rufous Treepie, Lesser Goldenback Woodpecker, Marshall's Iora, Tailorbird, Small Minivet. Right page, clockwise: Plum-headed Parakeet, White-bellied Treepie, Red-whiskered Bulbul, Indian Vulture, Purple Heron, Green Bee-eater, Coppersmith Barbet.

























Left page, clockwise: Blue Thrush, Crested Bunting, Bar-throated Siva, Mrs. Gould's Sunbird, Fire-capped Tit. Right page, clockwise: Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Black-naped Monarch, Oriental Pied Hornbill, Himalyan Monal, Barred Cuckoo Dove, Hoary-throated Barwing, Lesser Necklace Laughing Thrush, Bar-backed Partridge.











