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Wildlife & conservation photographer

A visual storyteller bringing wild stories to the world

My main centres of interest are birds and ecosystems. I'm fascinated by the complexity of life and the interactions between wild species, and I want to nurture understanding, empathy and care for the natural world, for I firmly believe all things have the right to grow.

My visual storytelling projects

Ongoing	Urban geese of Helsinki: questioning coexistence
Ongoing	Saimaa ringed seal conservation in Eastern Finland
2021-2023	Migratory fish conservation in Southern Finland
2021	Tundra, Land of the Midnight Sun
2018-2019	The fight against introduced mammals in New Zealand
2018	Bird life in remote Subantarctic islands

Publications and awards

2024	Published in Birdwatch (UK) and L'Oiseau Mag (FR) - Birds of Central Asia
2023	Published in Suomen Luonto (FI): Tundra, Land of the Midnight Sun
2023	In Selection - Emotion'Ailes
2021	Published in Terre Sauvage (FR) - 2 articles about the wildlife of New Zealand.
2021	Highly Commended - Mangrove Photography Awards In Selection - Emotion'Ailes
2020	Commended and Highly commended images in Bird Photographer of the Year .
2019	Published in Terre Sauvage (FR): Subantarctic islands of New Zealand and Australia.

Grants

2023	Finnfoto - 1000€ - Visual storytelling in Saimaa ringed seal conservation
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Writing

2023	Book - <i>NOUVELLE-ZÉLANDE, l'archipel aux oiseaux</i> (éditions Omniscience, in French) An exploration of New Zealand's landscapes and wildlife, richly illustrated.
Since 2015	Blog and newsletter writer, telling stories of wildlife and adventure (in English)

Guiding

Since 2022	Birding and nature photography guide in Central Asia and Finland. Floating hide, iconic birds in their environment and ethical practices (no baiting or playback).
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Volunteering

New Zealand	Wildlife Guardian at Sandfly Bay, educating visitors about penguins and sea lions, monitoring and reporting on wildlife activity. Ranger assistant on Tiritiri Matangi Island, maintaining feeders, water troughs and visitor facilities.
France	Youth club and internship at LPO (bird protection society)