



Best images of 2018

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Snow in November

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Welcome to the 12th edition of the annual “Best Images” books. Great discoveries, like these killdeer eggs, can be hiding in plain sight. Look away for just a moment and they are hard to find again. Here’s to having a camera handy and finding beauty, and unexpected treasures, in the year ahead.

Cover: A groggy common nighthawk rests on a fence rail in Salmon, Idaho. It allows the camera to get close before it flies away.



An iPhone app helps capture lightning from a safe distance in June. The rainbow follows a different storm in May.
At right, a family of bobcats frequented the yard in Livermore.





A rustic structure, seen in detail, remains along a trail at the Sacajawea Center in Salmon.



Top: Cattails send “angels” into the air. Cattle hair, lower left, and cottonwood seeds coat wire fencing.





Left: A sunflower is part of an autumn bouquet bought at the Lemhi County Farmers Market. Above clockwise: Aspen trees converge in the woods, a gladiolus from the neighbor's garden is in full bloom, dry leaves are trapped in a wall made of twigs at the Carmel Valley Ranch, and a willow leaf seeks refuge in a lilac bush.









Cattle from the Doubletree Ranch are moved to BLM grazing land near Sal Mountain in May. Three generations of the French family work the ranch in Salmon, Idaho. In May, they were joined by regular ranch hands on horseback or ATV and trail riders who wanted to give their horses some experience around cattle. One calf stops to express its opinion.

Previous pages: A storm cosses the Beaverhead mountains along the Continental Divide.







A calf manges to keep up with its mother as they head to new grazing land. Many calves lag behind the herd and reunite with their mothers later in the day. Horseback riders keep the calves from straying or turning back to the familiar Doubletree Ranch pasture. At right, a cow moseys along the trail.









