

## **Bộ ảnh chim cú của Andy Nguyễn.**

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So, you've always wanted to take good pictures of birds, or in particular, owls. You invested thousands of dollars into getting "the right camera", and spent almost \$10,000 on a huge lens. You've gone through the months, or even years of learning to get the most out of your expensive equipment and now feel confident enough to go out and get some shots. Then you run into the part where you have to ...spot a bird – an owl, get close to it without scaring it off, and grab that all-important "killer shot" you've always dreamed of.

All that time, money, and hard work, got you to that point, but there's another step further that will set your photo apart from others. It's called "having an artistic eye", or simply being able to make an interesting composition on the spot.

My story is I didn't use an expensive camera (not a 1DX, not a D4, or D800, or D600, not a 5DMk3, not even a 7D... in fact it's a lowly old D300). Most of all I didn't use an expensive lens either (something I picked up for about 1/10th the cost of a huge supertele lens). What you see is the full-frame capture of a beautiful Burrowing Owl not only posing, but making eye contact with the camera, at all of the sensor's 12.3 MP glory.

There's also a neat fact that it was done hand-held. You know, at this proximity, the slightest sight of a tripod in your hand would send the poor bird packing in a hurry.

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Northern Hawk Owl



A Northern Saw-whet Owl



Burrowing Owl in the grass with eyes wide open

















**Great Horned Owl and its dinner**





Snowy Owls are such secretive creatures. In the snow-covered fields of the northern plains, they could appear out of nowhere at anytime. On this occasion, this Snowy Owl came out right at the moment the sun was disappearing below the horizon, creating all kinds of magical lights.

At one end of the spectrum, we got the snow background in the dark (almost), and parts of the Owl flying through the last rays of sunlight. Such a surreal experience. But capturing this shot was even more surreal to me.







**A Snow Owl in flight**



**Northern Hawk Owl saying big Hello to The Beast**



Burrowing Owls on nest















In our personal lives, sometimes not everything is nice and rosy. We are constantly faced with the stresses of life. But it's the photos like this, that warm our heart, and show us what a beautiful world we live in, and there are things to appreciate for in life.

This is one of my latest artworks, of a mother Owl and her tiny baby. I'd like title it "Little Feet". Feel free to "share" with your f...riends, "like" it, or make a "comment" about this beauty that we rarely get a glimpse of. If you really like it and want to see it at high resolution and without the signature, you can go to my website at [www.wild-wingsphotography.com](http://www.wild-wingsphotography.com)

Thank you, and have a great weekend!

Love, peace, and happiness.

Andy Nguyễn.