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professional bird photographer since 2005
founding member of the www.birdphoto.fi
bird photography since 1988
MSc Economics 1987, born in Helsinki in 1960



"I'm a professional wildlife photographer, specialized in birds of the Western Palearctic, especially in my native north. I photograph only wild animals in natural light; with the aim to cover the species extensively, in their habitats, busy in action, posing in portraits. Winter and action are my favourite themes."

CANON EXPLORER in the Ambassadors Programme

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Highlights and awards...

- 2013 Finnish Nature Photo of the Year Bird Category Winner
- 2013 Handbook of Bird Photography (English and German speaking markets)
- 2012 Wildlife Professional in Finland
- 2011 Non Fiction Finlandia Award Nominee: Handbook of Bird Photography
- 2009 First Finnish speaker in WildPhotos, London UK

"WildPhotos is the UK's largest and most prestigious symposium for the wildlife and environmental photography industry."



- 2008– I'm in the Wild Wonders team of photographers:

"The largest photography-based conservation communication initiative in the World" European nature, conservation, species and biodiversity as well as travel tips, photography and social networking; 69 of Europe's most talented and committed nature photographers assigned on 125 photo missions in 48 European countries; More than 1,100 days in the field: 200,000 breathtaking images, and hours of high-quality video footage; The most up-to-date, cohesive visual documentation of nature in Europe. www.wild-wonders.com



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Nature photography competitions...

- 2013 Finnish Nature Photo of the Year
 - 2013 Nordic Nature Photo Contest
 - 2012 Swiss Ornithological Institute in Sempach
 - 2012 Namur Nature Festival Competition "Emotion d'Ailes"
 - 2011 GDT European Wildlife Photographer of the Year
 - 2011 Finnish Nature Photo Competition
 - 2011 Fotofinlandia
 - 2011 British Birds
 - 2010 GDT European Wildlife Photographer of the Year in Birds
 - 2009 Festival de l'oiseau et de la nature
 - 2009 GDT European Wildlife Photographer of the Year
 - 2009 Asferico
 - 2008 IWP International Wildbird Photographer
 - 2008 Glanzlichter
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 - 2006 Birdwatch Digital Photography Awards
 - 2006 GDT
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 - 2004 IWP
 - 2003 IWP International Wildbird Photographer of the Year
- Awarded in nine Finland's Annual Nature Photo Competitions over the years

- Winner of the Bird Category
- 3rd in Bird Category (Norway)
- main prize (Switzerland)
- Grand Prix de Jury - Overall winner (Belgium)
- Highly Commended in Birds (Germany)
- HC in Form & Composition
- Finalist with photo collection "Catch"
- 5th in 20 awarded (UK)
- (Germany)
- (France)
- HC in Birds
- Wetlands, and Runner-up in Birds (Italy)
- Birds in Flight (UK)
- HC in Animals in the Mountains (Germany)
- Runner-up in Birds in Flight (UK)
- HC in Birds
- Portfolio, Birds in Flight and Runner-up in Bird Behaviour
- Birds of the World (UK)
- HC in Birds and in Man and Nature
- Runner-up in Birds plus Public's Favourite
- Portfolio and Runner-up in Bird in its Environment
- plus two Highly Commended

Exhibitions...

2013	Liminka Bay Wetlands Nature Centre	<i>Survivors – birds of ice and snow</i>
2012	Namur Nature Festival, Belgium	<i>Survivors – birds of ice and snow</i>
2012	Kotka Maretarium	<i>Birds in the Archipelago</i>
2012	Turku City Library	<i>Birds in the Archipelago</i>
2012	Kuopio Natural History Museum	<i>Survivors – birds of ice and snow</i>
2011	Gallery Karaija	<i>Survivors – birds of ice and snow</i>
2011	Helsinki Art Museum Kluuvi Gallery	<i>Otto Karvonen: 'Muukalaispalatsi</i>
2011	Siida, Finnish Sámi Museum and Nature Centre	<i>Survivors – birds of ice and snow</i>
2011	Utö Island Hotel	<i>Utö Birds</i>
2010	Hannu Hautala Nature Photography Centre	<i>Survivors – birds of ice and snow</i>
2010	Söderskär Lighthouse	<i>Birds by Water</i>
2009	Finnish Institute in Estonia and Tartu Pildikoridor	<i>Survivors – birds of ice and snow</i>
2009	Kotka Maretarium	<i>Survivors – birds of ice and snow</i>
2008	Festival de la Photo Animalière et de Nature, Montier, France	<i>Birds in Action</i>
2008	Gallery Karaija	<i>Survivors – birds of ice and snow</i>
2008	Kotka Maretarium	<i>Birds by Water</i>
2008	Liminka Bay Wetlands Nature Centre	<i>Birds by Water</i>
2008	Culture Centre Vanha Paukku	<i>Birds by Water</i>
2007	Heinola Bird Park	<i>Birds by Water</i>
2003	Luontokuva Archive Exhibition	

Books and other publications...

2013	<i>Handbook of Bird Photography</i>	Rocky Nook Inc, USA
	http://www.amazon.com/Handbook-Bird-Photography-Markus-Varesvuo/dp/1937538109/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1347012539&sr=8-2&keywords=varesvuo	
2013	<i>Handbuch der Vogelfotografie</i>	+ dpunkt ,Germany
2013	<i>Fascinants Oiseaux</i>	New Holland Publishers, French edition
2012	<i>Fascinating Birds</i>	New Holland Publishers, UK
2012	<i>Tiesitkö tämän linnuista</i> (Did you know this about birds?)	Tammi
2011	<i>Birds: Magic Moments</i>	New Holland Publishers, UK
	(first print-run 37.000 copies, with editions in the UK, France, Germany, Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Norway)	
	http://www.amazon.co.uk/Birds-Magic-Moments-Markus-Varesvuo/dp/1780090757/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1347012449&sr=8-1	
2011	<i>Linnut lumen valossa</i> (Birds in Snowlight)	Tammi
2011	<i>Lintukuvauksen käsikirja</i> (Handbook of Bird Photography)	WSOYpro
2009	<i>Linnut vauhdissa</i> (Birds in Action)	Tammi
2008	<i>Selviytyjät – lumen ja jään linnut</i> (Survivors – birds of snow and ice)	WSOY
2007	<i>Lintuvesien äärellä</i> (Birds by Water)	Otava

Main illustrator/One of the main illustrators in:

2010	<i>Linnut äänessä</i>	Tammi
2010	<i>365 Jours avec les oiseaux</i>	Editions de la Martinière, France
2009	<i>Fågelsång</i>	Max Ström, Sweden
2008	<i>Lapin luonto-opas</i>	Otava
2006	<i>Linnut - Suomen peruslajisto</i>	Tammi
2007	<i>Suurteos Linnut luonnossa 1-3</i>	Weilin+Göös
2008	<i>Great Birds of Britain & Europe</i>	Duncan Baird Publishers, UK
2007	<i>Secret lives of British Birds</i>	Christopher Helm, UK
2007	<i>Bird, The definitive visual guide</i>	Dorling Kindersley, UK
2007	<i>Des oiseaux des jardins</i>	Rustica, France
2006	<i>Suomen muuttolinnut</i>	WSOY
2006	<i>L'almanach des oiseaux</i>	Delachaux & Niestle, France

Thousands of photos published over the in Finnish and international magazines, books and other visual works

Grants and prizes...

2014 Finnfoto	5.000 €	2009 Lauri Jäntti Foundation	5.000 €
2014 The Finnish Association of Non-fiction Writers	2.500 €	2008 Finnfoto	2.000 €
2012 Finnfoto	1.500 €	2008 Arts Council of Finland	7.000 €
2011 Svenska Kulturfonden	1.000 €	2008 WSOY Literary Foundation	4.000 €
2010 Finnfoto	1.000 €	2007 Finnfoto	2.000 €
2009 Finnfoto	2.000 €	2006 Otava Book Foundation	1.000 €

Photo presentations...

2013 Matsalu Nature Film Festival, Estonia	2010 Hannu Hautala Centre
2013 Hanko Foto Festival, Finland	2009 Natur 2009 Nature Photo Festival, Sweden
2013 Liminka Bay Nature Centre, Finland	2009 WildPhotos Symposium, UK
2012 Helsinki Environment Centre	2009 Nap Nature Photo Festival, Hungary
2012 Arktikum Rovaniemi	2009 Finland's Nature Photo Festival
2011 GDT Festival, Germany	2008 Naturfotografer i Danmark, Denmark
2010 Nature Photographers' Convention, UK	2008 Finland's Nature Photo Festival
2010 Rajala Pro Turku	2007 GDT Nature Photo Festival, Germany
2010 Matsalu Nature Film Festival, Estonia	2007 Finland's Nature Photo Festival

Portfolios...

2013 Vår fågelvärld, Sweden	2009 Naturfoto Special, Germany
2012 Bird Art & Photography "The Undercover Agent", UK	2009 IRIS Aves, Spain
2012 Bird Watching, "Portfolio" UK	2008 Luontokuva, Finland
2012 Birdwatch, "Featured Photographer, UK	2008 Terre Sauvage, France
2012 Terre & Nature, Switzerland	2008 Bird Watching, UK
2012 Bird Watching Magazine, UK	2007 Birds Illustrated, UK
2010 Naturfotografen, Norway	2006 Forum Naturfotografie, Germany

Judging...

2013 Liminganlahti Bird Photo of the Year Competition
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2011 Veolia Environnement (BBC) Wildlife Photographer of the Year, UK
2010 FOTOCAM Competition, Spain
2010 Finnish Nature Magazine's Nature Photo Competition
2010 Liminganlahti Bird Photo of the Year Competition
2008 Naturfotografer i Danmark, Denmark