

*Vladimír Cech: A Wildlife Photographer in His Own Words*

# A Passion for Nature

An amateur wildlife photographer in the purest sense of the word, which moved by a sincere zest for the untamed wild succeeds in capturing the raw essence of his animal subjects - from the dark forests of his own home to those of Africa

I was born 50 years ago in the Czech Republic, and I am a trained zoologist. Since my earliest childhood I have constantly nurtured the hobby of photographing animals, at the beginning mostly in local zoological gardens. More recently, in my later years, I have at last begun to travel around the world, taking pictures of landscapes and wildlife. Among all other international destinations, I am

especially and deeply in love with Africa, a continent which I visit every year. I am not a professional photographer - photography is simply a great hobby for me, and I am still only too glad when I succeed in taking photos I like. I take my images using two camera bodies - a Canon 5D III and a Canon 7D, using the following lenses: 70-200mm f2,8, 400mm f5,6, 500mm f4,16-35mm f2,8. ●

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**Forest Elephant and Lowland Gorilla**

*Loxodonta africana cyclotis* and *Gorilla gorilla gorilla*

Democratic Republic of Congo, Nouabalé Ndoki National Park, Canon 5D III, 400mm f5,6, ISO 250, 1/640, f5,6



**Lowland Gorilla**

*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*

Democratic Republic of Congo, Nouaballe Ndoki National Park, silverback Buka, group Buka,  
Canon 5D III, 70-200mm f2,8, ISO:6400, 1/250, f3,5.

**Shoebill**

*Balaeniceps rex*

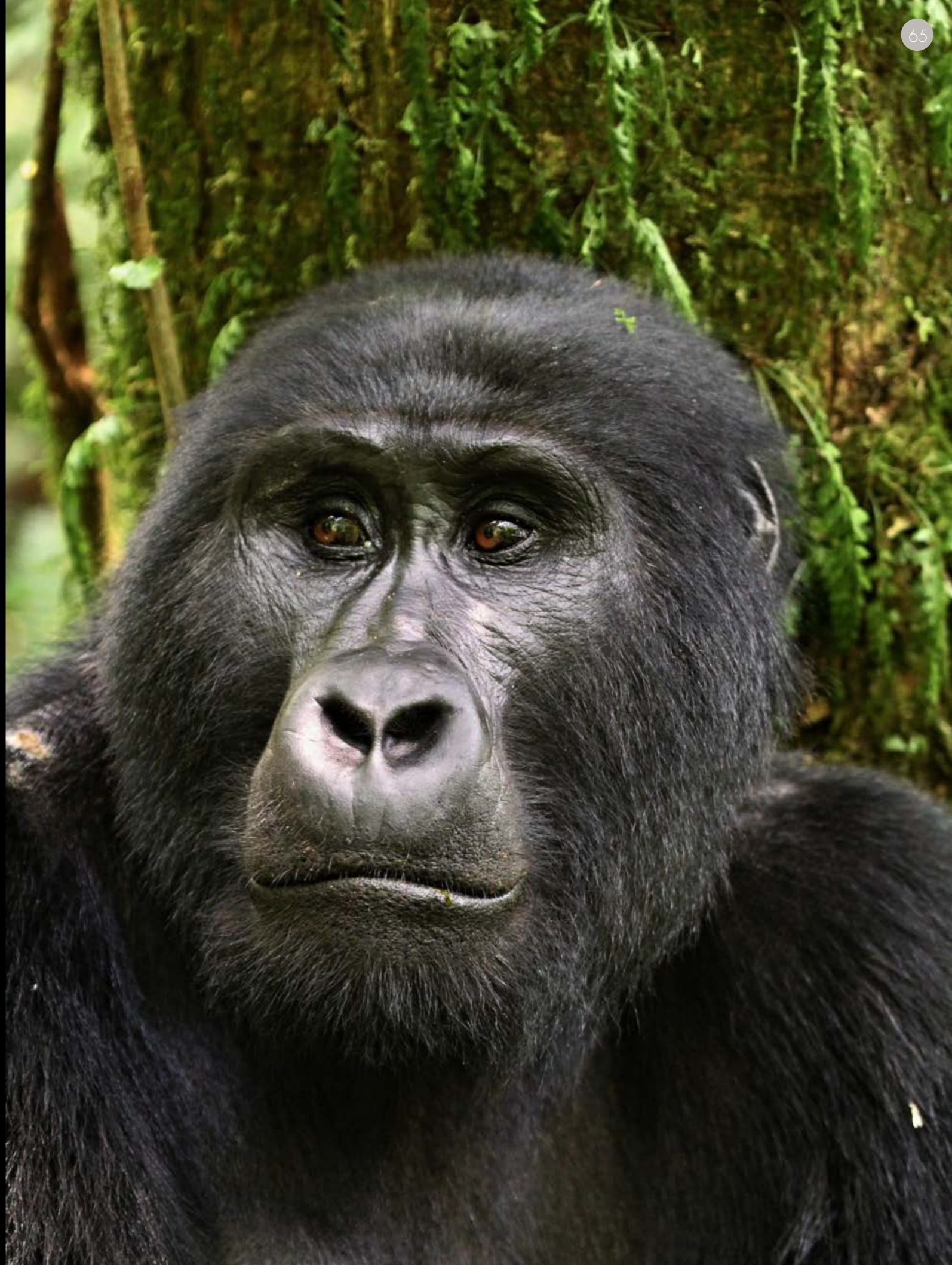
Uganda, Mubamba Bay  
wetland, Canon 5D III,  
400mm f2,8, ISO 100,  
1/400, f3,5.





**Crested Hawk Eagle**  
*Nisaetus cirrhatus*  
India, Kanha National Park,  
Canon 5D III,  
400mm f2,8, ISO 1000, 1/30, f5

**Mountain Gorilla**  
*Gorilla beringei beringei*  
Uganda, Bwindi National Park, black-back, group Mubare,  
Canon 7D, 100-400mm, ISO 3200, 1/40, f5





**Wild boar**

*Sus scrofa*  
Czech republic,  
Canon 5D III,  
500mm f4, ISO  
1250,1/1250, f4



**Indian Roller**

*Coracias  
benghalensis*  
India, Kanha  
National Park,  
Canon 5D III,  
400mm f2,8, ISO  
640, 1/5000, f4



**Burchell's Zebras**

*Equus quagga burchellii*

Kenya, Masai Mara National Park,

Canon 5 D III, 400mm f2,8, ISO 100, 1/400, f3,5

**Mountain Gorilla**

*Gorilla beringei beringei*

Uganda, Bwindi National Park, silverback Ruhondeza, group Mubare,

Canon 30D+70-200mm f2,8, 1/60, ISO 400, f4







**Lowland Gorilla**

*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*

Democratic Republic of Congo, Nouaballe Ndoki National Park, silverback Buka, group Buka, Canon 5DIII, 70-200mm f2,8, ISO 6400, 1/250, f5.0



**Dybowski deer**  
*Cervus nippon dybowskii*  
Czech republic,  
Canon 5D III, 500mm f4,  
ISO 800, 1/640, f4

**Shoebill**  
*Balaeniceps rex*  
Uganda,  
Mubamba Bay wetland,  
Canon 5D III, 400mm f2,8,  
ISO 100, 1/500, f3,5



**Wild boar**  
*Sus scrofa*  
Czech republic,  
Canon 5D III,  
500mm f4, ISO  
800, 1/500, f4





**Eastern  
Lowland Gorilla**  
*Gorilla beringei graueri*  
Democratic Republic of  
Congo, Kahuzi Biega  
National Park, female,  
Chimanuka group,  
Canon 5D III, 70-  
200mm f2,8, ISO 100,  
1/160, f4