



Noppadol Paothong

Noppadol Paothong has dedicated 20 years to document wildlife in North America. He is a nature/conservationist photographer and a staff photographer with the Missouri Department of Conservation. His focus has been on rare and endangered species, and for over a decade he has documented the North American grassland grouse and their fragile habitat.

He has received a multitude of prestigious national and international honors for his work, including “Best of the Best” at Outdoor Writers Association of America Photo Contest, Picture of the Year International, National Wildlife Photo Contest, Nature’s Best, Audubon Photo Contest, and Missouri Photojournalist of the Year. His images frequently appear in many national and international publications including *National Wildlife*, *Audubon*, *Nature Conservancy*, *Field & Stream*, and many more.

In 2012 he published an award-winning book, “Save the Last Dance: a Story of the North American Grassland Grouse.” This 204-page hardbound book captures the dazzling beauty of seven grouse species whose populations are diminishing across the prairies and plains of America. In 2013, the Independent Publisher organization awarded the book a gold medal.