



Samuel Tobler

As a doctoral student in Learning Sciences and Higher Education at ETH Zurich, I investigate the impact of narratives to promote conceptual understanding of biological topics in university classrooms. Finding ways to convey scientific information more effectively is highly motivating to me.

I am a biologist by training and a self-taught hobby photographer, fascinated by the beauty of nature; that's why I also participated in the Wiki Loves Earth 2016. Taking pictures also of common or rare local species constitutes, in my opinion, an essential part of general education and making science more accessible. Thus, I am even more thrilled to be selected as a winner in the category "Wildlife and Nature" further supporting this aim. With the generous prize, I plan to support the project "Gruppo Lavoro Africa" by Anita Poncini, a woman from Ascona that built a place for development and help for self-help in the tropical jungle.

I took the picture of the Erithacus rubecula, or robin in everyday speech, on a cold winter day in a forest close to Zurich. This orange chipper little bird caught my eye in the snowy white landscape. With its thin legs, holding up a ball of feathers that provide a warm plumage on icy days, it is impressive how this species evolved over millions of years to be adapted to the environment. This picture is special to me as does not only beautifully portrays the robin in its natural environment but also presents this animal in great detail: from the claws on the two feet, to the structure of the plumage, to the little pointy beaker and the lively eyes.



Photo1:

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Robin \(Erithacus rubecula\) in snowy winter landscape.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Robin_(Erithacus_rubecula)_in_snowy_winter_landscape.jpg) (1st, wildlife and nature)

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Previous winner: no.