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“Ben Greenberg truly captures the natural beauty and remarkable diversity that we treasure and work so hard to preserve throughout Virginia.”

—**Michael Lipford, Executive Director, The Nature Conservancy of Virginia**

**NATURAL VIRGINIA**

Panoramic Photographs by Ben Greenberg

A century ago, legendary photographer Edward Curtis set out to capture the traditional world of Native Americans before that world vanished. Now, Ben Greenberg has done the same for the natural areas of Virginia. Devoted to preserving and celebrating Virginia’s diverse but sometimes threatened natural richness, Greenberg has spent years creating a collection of more than one hundred stunning images that range from the Commonwealth’s most well-known to its rarely explored landscapes. By framing all of these photographs—whether of the Shenandoah Valley in full fall blaze or of Tidewater piers in the afterglow of sunset—as panoramas, Greenberg heightens the drama and immediacy of the moment, forging an enduring composite portrait that captures Virginia’s natural heritage while reminding us of its fragility.

**NATURAL VIRGINIA (April 2014)** divides the state into the Tidewater, Piedmont, and Western regions. The images in each, whether of a great blue heron emerging from river mists or of an almost leafless autumnal tree on Skyline Drive, convey a sense of grandeur while simultaneously inviting the viewer into the intimacy of the settings. The photographs highlight the wide-ranging diversity of the Commonwealth’s national and state parks, wildlife refuges and management areas, as well as the state’s rivers, lakes, mountains, and wild creatures.

**Ben Greenberg** is an award-winning photographer, avid environmentalist, and lifelong resident of Virginia. Having focused for years primarily on the scenic vistas of Virginia, the mid-Atlantic area, and numerous states across the nation, he recently has expanded his subject matter to include waterfowl, particularly great egrets, great blue herons, ospreys, and eagles.

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