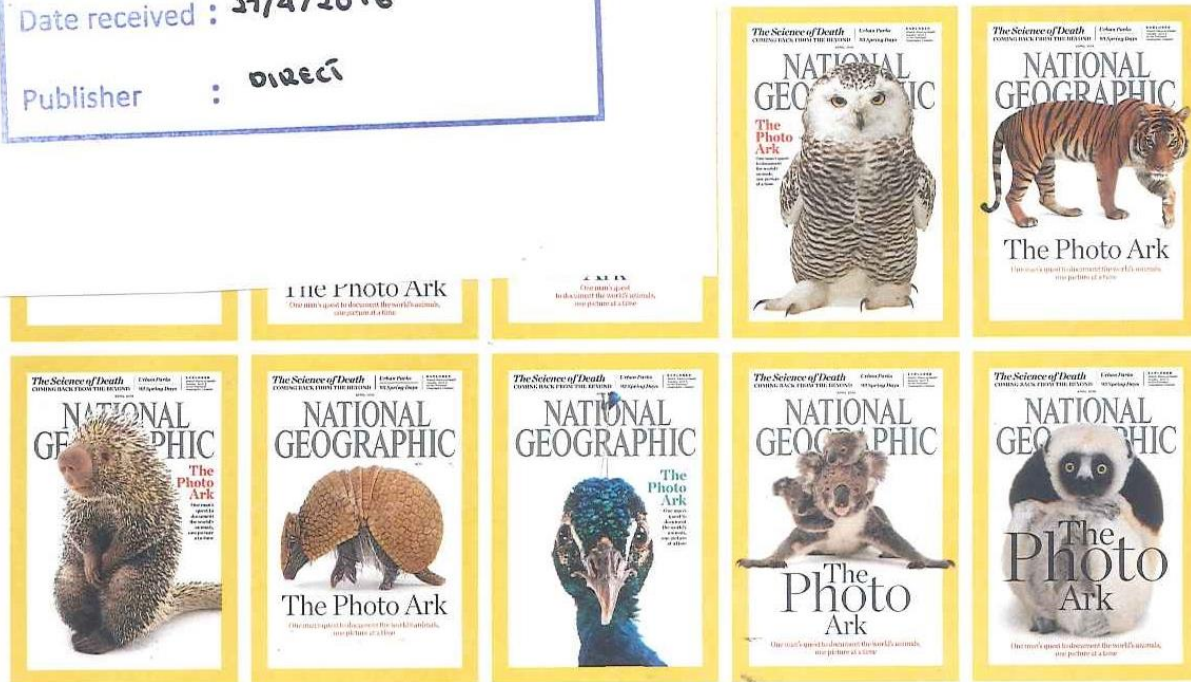


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With so many Photo Ark animals to choose from, we couldn't decide on one cover—so we made ten for this month's issue. If you didn't get the animal that you like best on your cover, call 1-800-777-2800 to purchase your favorite. Top row, from left: waxy monkey tree frog, hippopotamus, Reimann's snake-necked turtle, snowy owl, Malayan tiger. Bottom row, from left: Brazilian porcupine, southern three-banded armadillo, Indian peafowl, mother and baby koalas, Coquerel's sifaka.

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