Zoo's Giraffe Cam Makes Top 25 List
The birth of Kiko at the Greenville Zoo makes EarthCam’s list of year’s best and most popular webcams in the world.
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If you didn’t watch it, chances are good you knew about it. “It” is the webcam birth of the Greenville Zoo’s Masai giraffe, Kiko,” an event that held people locally and around the world in thrall for days.

The webcam of the baby giraffe was so popular, in fact, that the company that enabled it, EarthCam, has listed it as one of the world’s top 25 webcams of the year.

“Some of this year’s stand outs include a peek into the daily lives of a Masai giraffe family at The Greenville Zoo in South Carolina…” the release from EarthCam stated.

The webcam of Kiko — before, during and after his birth — received well over a million views, zoo officials said.

“It went from about 200,000 people viewing it to becoming the second most visited webcam EarthCam has ever hosted,” said Crystal Rose, the zoo’s public services manager, just days after Kiko was born in October.

Producers looked at thousands of webcams, narrowing the list down to just 25 based on quality, uniqueness and technical achievements.

“The creativity and quality of the content is evident in this year’s list of winners,” said Brian Cury, CEO and Founder of EarthCam, in a release. “This fantastic group of webcams entertain people all over the world and we’re proud to include them in our annual event. A big thanks to our judges who did a wonderful job compiling a thoughtful and dynamic list of cameras.”

The 2012 judging panel was led by Barry Josephson, Executive Producer of TV Series “Bones” and Producer of the feature film “Enchanted”. Other judges include Jim Cantore, Meteorologist and Storm Tracker for The Weather Channel; David Punch, Entertainment Director for The World Famous Cats Meow karaoke bar in New Orleans and 2010 winner; Sarah Federowicz, Line Producer at late night TV series “Conan”; and Paul Johnson, Founder of A Luxury Travel Blog.