

Natura BGA ED 8x42

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After extensive search on the Web and narrowing down my choice to three binoculars, I decided to go down to my local Optics store to find out for myself if Opticron still holds the same quality and value for money that I experienced a decade ago with another pair.

I am an enthusiast astronomer who appreciates good optics and I have another passion for bird watching. So, the Natura was the dark horse in this short field test under optimum light conditions, it's a pair that holds that original look of I do what's written on the tin, in fact you could mistake the Natura for an 8x32 due to it's thin bridge and compact body design.

Upon checking the view through the Natura, I was pleasantly surprised by the light transmission and colour fidelity exhibited across the full RGB spectrum. The eye relief was also very generous which made the Natura ideal for spectacles wearers. Looking in to the distance I couldn't detect any chromatic aberration which is outstanding at this price point. The exit pupils were perfectly rounded and the internal barrels were nicely blacked out.

The image was very sharp almost edge to edge with a slight fall off in brightness at the edge of the FOV. The focuser is smooth and precisely placed for an easy reach. The Natura can be easily handled with one hand, the contrast between bright and dark areas was vibrant and made the Natura feel like and behave such as an Alpha binocular.

Despite the FOV not being the widest, the view remained relaxed and distortion free. The lens covers are solid and remained in place in my shaking test however the ocular covers could have been just a tad tighter.

I am looking forward to taking this marvellous binocular with me on my next Madagascar trip!