

Binoculars Review: OL Ranks the Best New Binoculars of 2011

After a week of the toughest tests in the industry, we pick the winners of our 2011 Optics test.

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Alpen Rainier 8x42

OVERALL RATING: ★★★★★

Optics/Mechanics: B+

Image: A

Design: B+

Price / Value: A-

With the Rainier, Alpen extends its line from entry-level budget glass to appeal to higher-end buyers. Optically, the bino performed flawlessly, scoring near the top on both the low-light and resolution tests.