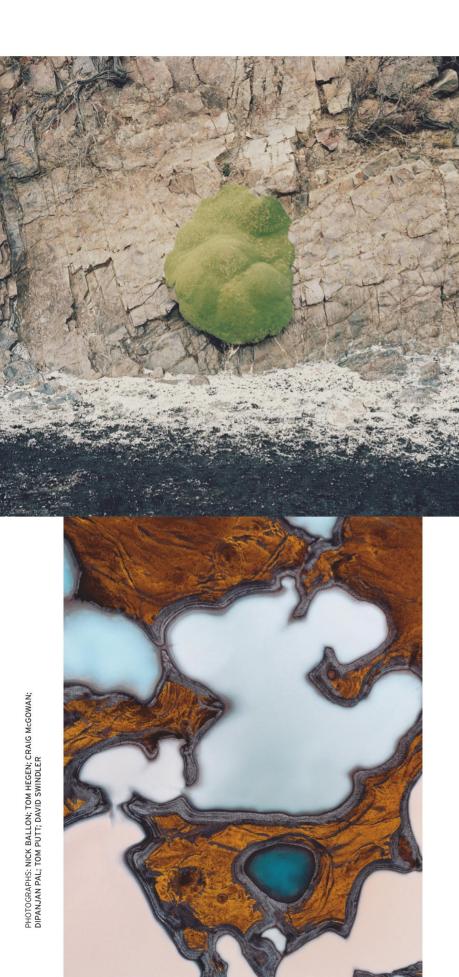




Clockwise from top left: metallic pools at Heaps Canyon in Zion National Park, **Utah**, shine copperorange due to a high concentration of iron oxides. Primary colours pop through a glacial river near southern **Iceland**'s Lómagnúpur mountain, where the turquoise water contrasts with the black volcanic sands and yellow moss. On the bed of Abraham Lake in Canada's Alberta, methane bubbles produced by decaying plants become trapped like pancakes in the ice during winter. A single iceberg floats in front of a fjord at Northeast Greenland National Park.







Clockwise from left: a yareta plant growing on a rockface at an elevation of 9,350ft in **Bolivia**'s Tupiza is estimated to be more than 3,000 years old. At the lowest natural point in Australia, Lake Eyre's water turns a rosy pink as a result of a pigment found within an algae species specific to high-salinity sites. At Arizona's Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, erosion has created ripples and patterns in the colourful, clay-rich soil over time. Meanwhile, pools produced by retreating glaciers lie in the outwash plains of Iceland, their varying shades denoting the amount of sediment and depth in each one; the deeper and more clear the water, the bluer it is. KATHARINE SOHN

