

Birding with a Lens

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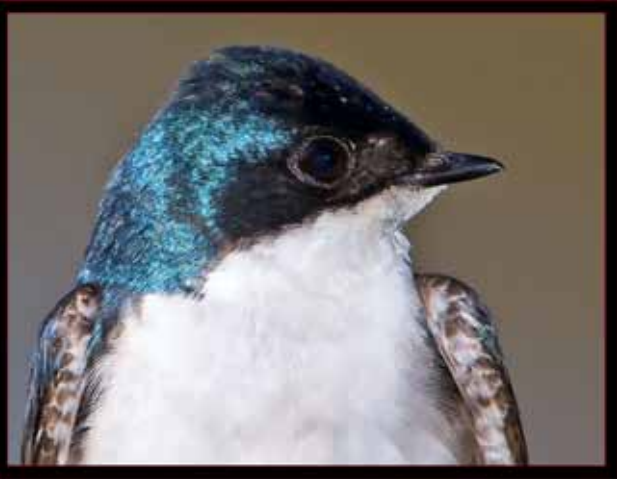
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Birder or Photographer?



Well, both...

Why do bird Photography?



Why do bird Photography?

Joy of Imaging



Why do bird Photography?



Joy of Imaging

Extension of Birding
Visually

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Identification &
Reference

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Use of Media
afterwards

Ethics Always

Have no impact



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Have no impact

Protect the environment



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Birding etiquette

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Birders vs. photographers

Seeking birds with a Lens

Birds are everywhere...



Seeking Birds...

But good imaging opportunities are not always simple...



Seeking Birds...

Thinking like a photographer:

Don't rely on 'luck'



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Close the distance



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Shoot often, use what works—practice, practice, practice

Seeking Birds...

A field exposure example...

Semipalmated Plover –
Full frame - Canon 1Ds
Mark III camera - 30 MB
840mm focal length



Plover final cropped &
enhanced – 34 MB in
12'X12" print version

Semipalmated Plover

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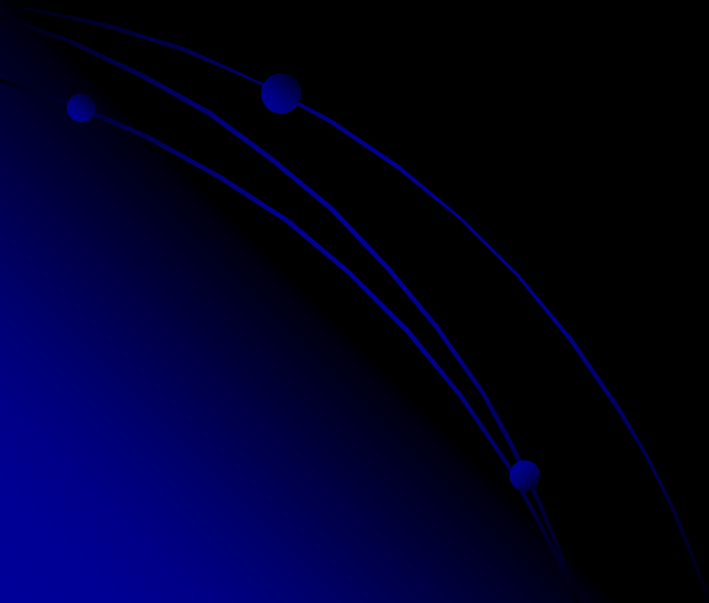
So what do you do to improve the odds?



Seeking Birds...



Bird all the time...



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Bird all the time...

Keep your
equipment handy



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Talk with local birders



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Talk with local birders

Seek out 'target rich'
environments you
already know about

A few examples follow...



Your Backyard...

And you friend's backyard

Controlled environment



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And you friend's backyard



Controlled environment

Good place to practice &
test with equipment at hand

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Probably represents birds
common to the area but may
lack diversity