

Your Backyard...



And you friend's backyard

Controlled environment

Good place to practice &
test with equipment at hand

Probably represents birds
common to the area but may
lack diversity

Same old... Encourages
quest for new subjects

Views from my Yard



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Rewarding task

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birds, etc. of all kinds

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Relax, have fun, enjoy!



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More Wetlands Views



The Ocean Shore



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*But... Keep your
equipment out
of the water!*



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Shooting at sea can
present challenges

Opportunity to view birds
not seen on or from land



A Subtle Warning...



Bird photography can become an obsession. The quest for that next, even better shot can be time-consuming, costly and detrimental to one's wellbeing...

And I recommend everyone try it!



Thanks!

And good birding to all...



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