### 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

















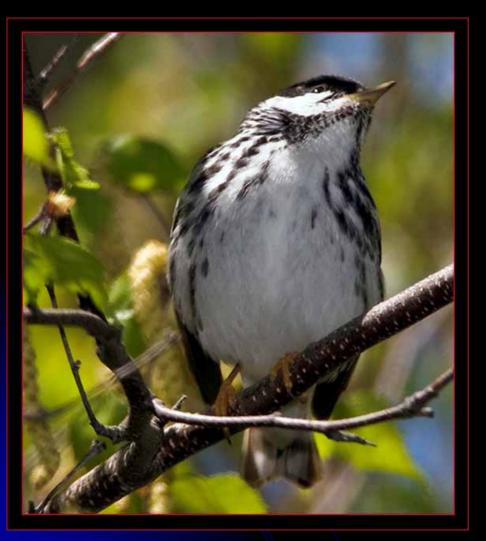












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**Rewarding task** 







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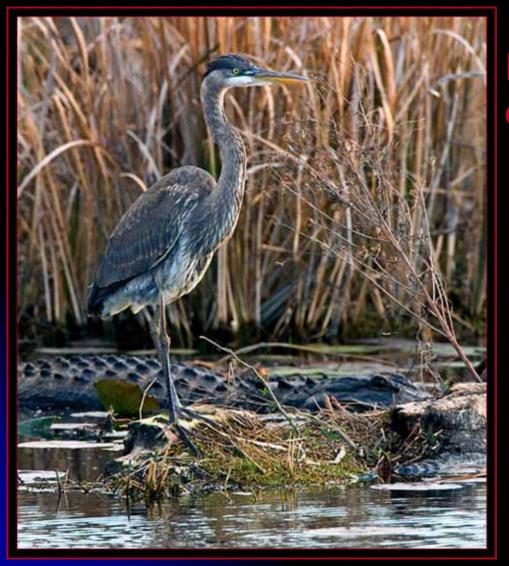
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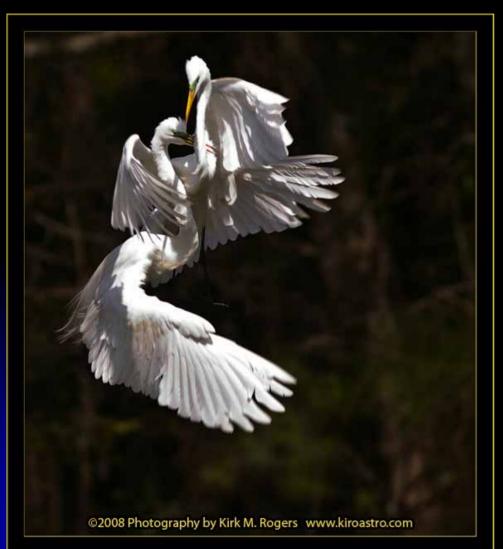
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### More Wetlands Views





















## 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 ones wellbeing...

And I recommend everyone try it!









#### And good birding to all...



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