

Photographing Nature A Photo Workshop From Brooks Institutes Top Nature Photography Instructor

Over 50,000 photographers can't be wrong! John and Barbara Gerlach finally write the book their workshop attendees have been asking for! *Digital Nature Photography* is a how-to guide for photographers who want to take their work to the next level. Written by professionals with over 20 years experience, the Gerlachs reveal enlightening techniques for shooting nature images in the field. The combination of artistic approach and impeccable technique will help you capture your next great image.

The secret to taking great "people pictures" is to observe your subjects, connect with them, and use your camera to its best advantage. Here's how to work with lighting, location, angle, composition, physical characteristics, environment, and countless other variables, including the unique challenges of photographing babies, group activities, and action. Learn to capture facial expressions, tell a story with a series of candid, add interest to large-group shots, and more. Apply these techniques and watch your subjects come to life.

Maximizing the power of your camera's flash is difficult enough in a studio set-up, but outdoors literally presents a whole new world of challenges. John Gerlach and Barbara Eddy have taken the most asked about subject from their renowned photography workshops and turned it into this guidebook that is sure to inspire your next outdoor shoot, while also saving you time and frustration. *Outdoor Flash Photography* covers a range of practices from portrait to landscape, including unique strategies that the authors have pioneered through 40 years in the field. Mastering the use of multiple flashes to freeze action is shown through one of most challenging subjects in nature, hummingbirds in flight. This book will benefit photographers of all experience levels who are eager to evolve their outdoor photography and get the most out of their equipment.

Expand your artistic vision with HDR photography By artfully blending multiple exposures, you can create images with incredible detail, photos that mimic fine paintings, surrealistic imagery — once you understand the process, your options are virtually endless. This book explains the tools you need to get started and how to create high dynamic range (HDR) images. You learn to evaluate a scene, photograph different subjects for the best HDR results, gain skill with software, and begin a lifetime of exploration. See how HDR compensates for the camera's limited ability to record the visible range of light Examine the necessary camera features and accessories Learn to process HDR images using Photomatix and Photoshop® Elements Learn to create HDR photos from single exposures Experiment with landscapes, cityscapes, interior shots, black-and-white, nighttime photos, and more Save 15% on Photomatix software when you buy this book! Details inside!

The hands-on instruction that digital photographers need to compose great shots Introducing readers to the basic elements of design, this full-color guide shows photographers step by step how to frame great compositions before they take the shot.

Instructions, advice, examples, and assignments cover all types of photography.

Get great photos whether you use a cell phone or a top-of-the-line digital camera. New York's Adirondack Park is a treasure trove of photographic possibilities; you just need to know where to find them. In this new guidebook, Carl Heilman, an Adirondacks insider, takes you to the best photo sites in the park and shows you how and when to shoot them for your best results ever. This ruggedly beautiful National Park stretches through a large portion of New York State. Much of it is easily accessible, and yet it offers some of the most striking and dramatic natural features to be found anywhere in the Northeast. With the help of this informative guide you'll know just where to go to find its loveliest spots and how best to capture them on film. Now that virtually everyone has a good digital camera in his cell phone, we can all benefit from the tips and advice in this guide. Your visit to Adirondack Park will remain forever memorable with the photos you'll make using the expert help provided in this book. Carl Heilman II is an award-winning outdoor photographer who specializes in nature photography of New York State and the Adirondacks. He has written and provided photographs for several books, and he regularly leads nature-photography workshops to sites in the Adirondacks and in Acadia National Park in Maine. Find out more at www.carlheilman.com.

Identifying a beautiful image in nature is easy, but capturing it is often challenging. To truly seize the essence of a photograph shot out of the studio and in the world requires an artistic eye and impeccable set of photographic techniques. John and Barbara Gerlach have been teaching photographers how to master the craft of photographing nature and the outdoors through their workshops and best-selling books for more than twenty years. Now, equipped with brand new images to share and skills to teach, this celebrated photo team is sharing their latest lessons in the second edition of *Digital Nature Photography*. Notable revisions in this new edition include introducing the concepts of focus stacking and HDR, as well as expanded discussions of multiple exposure, wireless flash, RGB histograms, live view, shutter priority with auto ISO, hand-held shooting techniques, and the author's equipment selections. The inspiring imagery in this book covers a broader range of subjects than before including ghost towns, the night sky, animals, and sports, in addition to the classic nature photographs we expect from this very talented author team. This book is a comprehensive guide to one of the broadest subjects in photography, explained and demystified by two respected masters.

Presents a guide to nature photography, discussing such topics as lighting, exposure, filters, digital and film cameras, composition, and macro, panoramic, aerial, and nighttime techniques.

Photographer and teacher Brenda Tharp marries photography craft with artistic vision to help intermediate photographers translate what they see into a personal impression of a subject in nature. Using single images, along with before-and-after and with-or-without examples, *Expressive Nature Photography* teaches how to make exposures that are creative, not necessarily correct. Inspiring photographers to get out early and stay out late, this book explains how to use light, an essential element of outdoor photography. Readers will learn how to "see in the dark," use filters to create very long exposures, create a natural effect using light painting, photograph night skies and moonlit landscapes, and make the best use of available natural light. This book also covers how to use shutter speeds to express motion and capture the energy of fast-moving subjects, such as rushing streams, ocean swells, and bounding wildlife. A chapter on the art of visual flow discusses how to create compositions that direct the viewer's eye through the frame for maximum impact. Photographers will develop a sense of when to break the "rules" of composition, how to use elements to frame subjects, what to include and exclude in the frame, how to create the feeling of depth and dimension in a scene, and how to push the boundaries of composition to make memorable nature images that capture and convey fresh viewpoints. High-tech cameras can help create a good exposure and focused image, but they can't replace the artist's eye for composition, visual depth, and design, nor their instinct for knowing when to click the shutter. There are many books on photography technique focused on technical quality, but *Expressive Nature Photography* goes beyond the technical. It guides the way to pulling emotion and meaning out of a dynamic landscape, a delicate macro study, or an outstanding nighttime image.

Photography legend John Shaw returns with his much-anticipated guide to digital nature photography, complete with more than 250 extraordinarily beautiful photographs. For over four decades, John Shaw's authentic voice and trusted advice has helped photographers achieve impressive shots in the great outdoors. In his first-ever book on digital photography, Shaw provides in-depth advice on everything from equipment and lenses to thorough coverage of digital topics including how to use the histogram. In addition, he offers inspirational and

frank insight that goes far beyond the nuts and bolts of photography, explaining that successful photos come from having a vision, practicing, and then acquiring the equipment needed to accomplish the intention. Easily digestible and useful for every type of photographer, and complete with more than 250 jaw-dropping images, John Shaw's Guide to Digital Nature Photography is the one book you'll need to beautifully capture the world around you.

While digital technology has made acceptable photos easy to achieve, this book is about taking exceptional photos that preserve the essence of childhood. You'll learn to trust your instincts and your own unique vision and discover how to create beautiful photographs in a variety of lighting situations, all while sharpening your observation skills and learning how to involve your subjects. Plus, insightful tips on understanding what equipment is right for you will help you get great results when working with any age group.

Douglass Owen shares his expertise as a nature photographer, teacher, and ranger for the National Park Service. In his nearly twenty years as a park ranger Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve in Idaho, Doug taught countless park visitors how boosting their skills as naturalists could improve their results as photographers. In this guide, readers everywhere can take advantage of the same training and master the field craft that enables top photographers to great wildlife shots—even with modest gear. In fact, Doug's approach actually favors those with simple equipment that frees them to concentrate on the subject and environment rather than fiddling with complex camera settings! Whether you are an accomplished image-maker or taking your first nature shots, the practical advice and techniques in this no-nonsense book will increase your odds of finding great subjects, prepare you to document them beautifully, and enhance your overall experience while working in the field.

Using a combination of artistic approach and impeccable technique, professional photographers John and Barbara Gerlach will guide you through the field as you photograph the most intriguing and captivating subjects out in the wild. A sampling of what you'll learn: How to integrate equipment with technique to capture superb wildlife images of birds, mammals, amphibians, and more with an emphasis on precision and speed Where and how animals can be approached closely enough to photograph well How not to disturb the critters around you, depending on environment (den vs. tree and everything in-between) When (and when-not) to feed the animals Technical info like cropping, frames per second for capture, pixels/enlarging, and even HDR Where to focus on various types of wildlife Lighting depending on which animals have high contrast Ethics Traveling with your gear The "top 10" places in the world to shoot and how to find the best location for your interests

Learn to take better garden photos! One of the most rewarding aspects of gardening is sharing its beauty, both physically with those who visit and virtually with those who only see it on a screen. But capturing a garden's true essence is difficult, and often the moments worth sharing are ephemeral. In The Garden Photography Workshop, internationally known garden photographer Andrea Jones shares the trade secrets that make her photos sing. You'll learn the basic photography skills and tips on using a range of camera equipment. Profiles of real gardens from around the world exemplify the most common problems a photographer can face, like harsh light, wet weather, and cramped spaces, along with advice and techniques for addressing specific concerns. We live in a photo-driven world, and this helpful guide is a complete tutorial for anyone who wants that world to be filled with beautiful images of gardens and plants.

Capturing the grandeur of landscapes or mood of a certain natural light is challenging but often the simple details of a texture or color evade photographers most of all. In Close Up Photography in Nature, best-selling authors and nature photography pros, John and Barbara Gerlach, share the tips and techniques necessary to successfully photograph the beauty all around you. The Gerlachs are celebrated teachers who understand a photographer's mind so they begin this book with a brief overview of the fundamentals before delving into some of the more advanced and unique challenges of close up photography. Topics covered include: advanced flash techniques specific for close up shooting, as well as a discussion on focus stacking strategies and tilt-shift lenses for getting maximum depth-of-field. The Gerlachs also discuss their strategy of mixing flash with natural light when shooting close up, which opens up all sorts of photographic possibilities – opening up shadows, creating shadows, separating the subject from the background, reducing contrast between the subject and the background, improving the color rendition, shooting sharper images, and much more. This book will change the way you see the world as well as the way you share it through your work! the world through your work!

An updated bestseller, this book of extraordinarily beautiful photographs of nature contains state-of-the-art instruction on how any photographer can aim for equally impressive results every time a camera is focused on the great outdoors. Even highly skilled photographers are often baffled by the problems facing them when they work outdoors. But with this exceptional field guide in hand, every photographer—beginner, serious amateur, semi-pro, and pro—can conquer the problems encountered in the field. Using his own exceptional work as examples, the author discusses each type of nature subject and how to approach photographing it. Specific advice and information cover selection of equipment and lenses; how to compose a shot; how to get close ups; and other tips covering a range of techniques to enrich various types of nature photographs.

Illustrated with 68 of the author's exemplary color images, the engaging and informative text defines the many opportunities for nature photography that exist, ranging from one's own backyard to distant wilderness areas. Illustrated. Wildlife watchers and aspiring natural-history photographers - collect up your kit and get ready for a practical course with a difference. Photographic workshops are exceptionally popular but not everybody has the time or budget to attend one in person. This 'workshop in book form' allows you to absorb the benefits of the workshop experience without actually being on location with the professionals.

25 years of nature photography instruction in one gorgeous, full-color, hands-on course Anyone can photograph nature—just step outside and you're on location. But becoming a good nature photographer takes expert training. In Photographing Nature, Ralph Clevenger, whose images have appeared in such publications as Nature's Best and National Geographic, shares the techniques he's been personally using and teaching to aspiring photographers for the last 25 years in his popular nature photography course at the elite Brooks Institute. In this stunning, four-color course-in-a-book, each chapter opens with a spectacular photo spread from the natural world that Clevenger uses to illustrate themes and techniques essential to mastering nature photography. Just as he does in his classroom at Brooks, Clevenger explains how each photo was captured, the tools and techniques used, and typical problems related to capturing such a photo, along with solutions. Chapters also include sample Q&A sessions as well as assignments you can try yourself. By the time you've worked through all of the techniques in this beautiful, yet informative book, you'll not only photograph the world differently, you'll see it differently as well. With a foreword by George Lepp, one of North America's best-known contemporary outdoor and nature photographers.

With more than 14,000 acres of beach, dune, marsh, and maritime forest habitats, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge provides a vital resting and feeding area for millions of migratory birds. One of the most popular destinations within the

National Wildlife Refuge System, this refuge situated mainly on Virginia's Assateague Island, protects a variety of wildlife and plant species, some of them endangered or threatened. Through her striking color photography, Irene Hinke-Sacilotto reveals the glory of the refuge's diverse habitats and the many creatures that dwell within. Reader's of all ages will enjoy this visual journey into the ecological treasure that is Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

Special techniques for creating unique, artistic, close-up images Macro, or close-up, photography is gaining popularity, and this book covers all of the challenges associated with taking great close-ups: depth of field, focus, and exposure. Copublished with Photoworkshop.com, a leading online educational resource for both beginning and professional photographers, this task-oriented reference allows readers to learn by doing and offers outstanding examples and instructions.

A how-to guide for capturing stunning photographs in nature Photographing nature poses unique challenges and demands that you have special skills and a working knowledge of how to work in—and with—nature. This Photo Workshop is a must-have how-to guide for shooting nature images in nearly any situation you might encounter. You'll learn which equipment is right in different settings and why it should be used, how to get an amazing photo of a fast-moving animal, and how to handle a myriad of tricky weather scenarios. This book covers composition, exposure, fill-flash, special creative techniques, and more. Plus, assignments at the end of each chapter sharpen your skills to for taking unique, artistic nature photographs. Shows you what equipment to use in different settings and why to use it Offers essential advice for photographing a fast-moving animal and dealing with weather obstacles Provides a clear understanding of the basic fundamentals of photography Addresses composition, exposure, fill-flash, creative techniques, and more Shares Photoshop tips for sharpening and improving photos you've already taken Packed with inspirational color photos throughout, this workshop guide encourages you to improve your technique for taking nature photographs.

The latest digital photography techniques explained in concise detail. Includes more than 40 before-and-after photographs enhanced with digital techniques. Software screen captures illustrate how to adjust images for optimal results.

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