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Summer Update

Costa Rica Photo Tour Pictures

Our trip to the southern part of Costa Rica was a treat. It was hot, sticky, and muggy but the group was hardy and made the trip a real adventure. We photographed scarlet macaw, three species of monkey, toucans, lots of colorful tanagers, and several species of hummingbirds along with the Pacific Ocean, jungles, and lovely flower gardens. The real fun was everyone sharing their love of photography and nature. Click the link to see my photos!

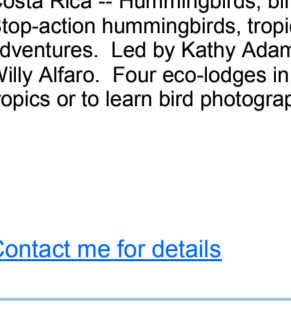
[Photos from Trip](#)

Leisure Learning Photo Classes

I'm offering a full line-up of photography classes this summer at Leisure Learning.

- * Advanced Nature Photography — June 28 — Completely new. Advanced topics, ideas, and things to discuss with the serious nature photographer.
- * Photography at Night — July 1 — Class is full
- * Garden Photography — July 2 — Landscapes, macro, details, flash, and natural light in the garden. All skill levels welcome.
- * Flash Photography — July 8 — bring your flash and tripod. This a hands-on class.
- * Photoshop for Photographers — July 16 — CS3 and Lightroom, file processing, labeling, metadata, cataloging and storing. Loaded with tips on workflow.
- * Photography at Night — July 29 — Just Added!!
- * Basic Photography — July 19 then again on August 2

Leisure Learning



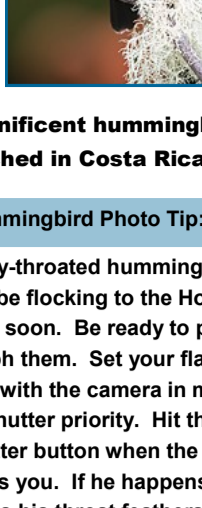
Female black-chinned hummingbird photographed during the Petersen Ranch shoot in April using 5 flashes.

Multiple Flash Photography

I'm teaching a class in multiple flash photography at Houston Center for Photography on August 19th. I use multiple flash for hummingbird and stop motion photography but you can also use several flashes to photograph people and products. Registration is limited to 8 so register early.

[Houston Center for Photography](#)

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Magnificent hummingbird perched in Costa Rica.

Hummingbird Photo Tip:

Ruby-throated hummingbirds will be flocking to the Houston area soon. Be ready to photograph them. Set your flash on TTL with the camera in manual or shutter priority. Hit the shutter button when the male faces you. If he happens to flare his throat feathers at the same time, you get maximum iridescence.

Future Outings

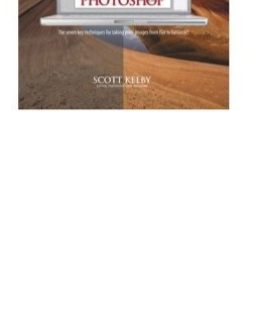
Rio Grande Valley Photo Blinds Oct 17-19th. Van leaving from The Woodlands on the 16th. Shooting 17-19th. Return trip on the 20th or late on the 19th. Cost TBA. Limited to 8 people.

Ecuador -- Hummingbirds and birds Nov 6-17th. Stop-action hummingbirds, tropical birds, and stunning landscapes. It's possible to come home from this trip with photos of nearly 50 species of hummingbirds. Led by Kathy Adams Clark, Gary Clark, and Ecuadorian naturalist. Three comfortable lodges in different eco-systems plus hotels in Quito. \$3095 plus air from the U.S.

Costa Rica -- Hummingbirds, birds, and wildlife Jan 27-Feb 5, 2009. Stop-action hummingbirds, tropical birds, active volcano, and jungle adventures. Led by Kathy Adams Clark and Costa Rican naturalist, Willy Alfaro. Four eco-lodges in different regions. Good first trip to the tropics or to learn bird photography. Cost TBA plus air from the U. S.

[Contact me for details](#)

Cool Products & Things in the News



Molar Bean Bag is a fabulous camera support. You fill the bag with sunflower seeds, millet, lentils, or other small beans. Then the 20 lb. bag becomes a sturdy window mount for any camera. I love this gadget. Travelling to Africa! Empty the bag and refill it when you get to your destination. Order from John Stanford at www.vertexpphoto.com

North American Nature Photography Association's Chicago Road Show. August 8-10, 2008 in Lisle, Illinois. Speakers: Rob Sheppard, Bill Campbell, and Richard Day. Photoshop, nature photography 101, book publishing, bird photography, and much more. Details at www.nanpa.org

Scott Kelby's 7-Point System to Photoshop CS3 is a must read if you're frustrated with processing your images. Simple, easy to follow instruction for post-processing after Camera Raw.

Jones County Park & Nature Center in Humble has announced their annual photo contest. Entries must be taken in the park between now and April 2009. I'll be the judge so take some good photos. Adult and kids categories. [Contact the park for details.](#)



Rufous-tailed hummingbird photographed during the 2007 Ecuador trip

Private Lessons

I offer private tutorial sessions and portfolio reviews for people who've been through my Basic Photography: One Day Workshop class or traveled with me on a workshop. We can photograph in the field, meet at a café, or work on-line.

Gary Clark, my husband, offers private birdwatching, bird identification and nature writing sessions. Group outings and workshops are also available.

Both of us give programs for at clubs, banquets, or fund-raising events. (Rates are based on the program.)

Private lessons are \$250 for the first hour, addition hours \$125.



Credit: Janice Braud

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