



End of Summer Update

2009 Photo Tours sponsored by Houston Audubon Society

I'm pleased to announce that three Photo Tours in 2009 will be sponsored by Houston Audubon Society. Strabo Tours and I will make a donation to HAS for each person who registers. Support the work of this organization and have fun at the same time!

Costa Rica -- Hummingbirds, birds, and wildlife Jan 27-Feb 5, 2009. 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 \$3295 plus air from the U. S. All meals, lodging, transportation, and guides covered in fee.

Costa Rica — Southern Adventure May 15-26, 2009. Scarlet macaw, monkeys, sloths, hummingbirds, and tropical birds. Led by Kathy Adams Clark, Gary Clark, and Willy Alfaro. \$4495 plus air from the U. S. All meals, lodging, transportation, and guide fees covered.

Ecuador — Sept 3-14, 2009 Stop-action hummingbird photography, colorful tropical birds, and incredible landscapes. Tanager Lodge, Tinalandia, and Guango Lodge. Three lodges in different eco-systems plus hotels in Quito. \$3495 plus air from the U. S. All meals, lodging, transportation, and guides covered in fee.

[Strabo Tours](#) for more information

Leisure Learning Photo Classes

Leisure Learning classes are going to move back to 2990 Richmond Avenue beginning January 5th. This is great news! The classrooms are better and there's a snack bar in the basement of the building. Coffee, soda, hamburgers, sandwiches right on-site. Great news!

The location change won't happen until January so the following classes will still be at Emerson Church on Bering Drive.

- * Digital SLR — Oct 2, Dec 9 — menus, camera settings, workflow
- * Marketing Your Photos to Calendars & Magazines — Sept 30, Dec 4
- * Intermediate — Oct 7 — kids, pets, vacations. Build on what you learned in Basic Photography.
- * Flash Photography — Dec 10 — bring your flash and tripod. This a hands-on class.
- * Landscape Photography — Oct 1st
- * Basic Photography — Sept 27, Nov 1, Dec 6
- * Photoshop for Photographers — Oct 14, Dec 3 — Photoshop and Lightroom workflow, metadata, renaming, processing.
- * Macro Photography — Oct 22 — hands on so bring your camera, tripod, flash, and flowers.

Leisure Learning



Monarch butterfly

Butterfly Photography Class and Outing

I'll teach a class in Butterfly Photography on Saturday Oct 11. We'll start in the classroom and then move outside to work on live butterflies in the Arboretum's fabulous butterfly gardens. The class is 9:00-11:30. Register www.houstonarboretum.org or call 713.366.0421.

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Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Photo Tip:

Ruby-throated hummingbirds are moving south toward Latin America. On the Texas coast, the peak of migration is just about here. Northern neighbors might be at peak migration or on the tail end.

Lucky gardeners could find 50+ birds at their feeders and flowers. Public gardens are buzzing with the little critters.

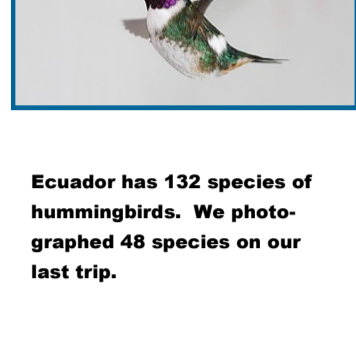
Get out and do some photography. Use a flash to ensure sparkle in the feathers. I shoot on aperture priority at f/6.8 with my flash in TTL mode on high speed.

That won't work for all cameras. The key to good flash photography is a balanced light meter with the flash on TTL or eTTL.

The photo above was shot with four flashes. Such fun!

Still Time to go to Ecuador in November

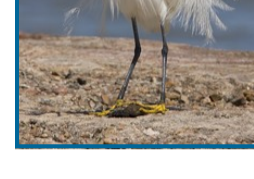
Ecuador -- Hummingbirds and birds Nov 6-17, 2008. Stop-action hummingbirds with the multi-flash set-up, tropical birds, and stunning landscapes. Led by Kathy Adams Clark, Gary Clark, and Ecuadorian naturalist. Three comfortable lodges in different eco-systems plus hotels in Quito. \$3095 plus air from the U.S.



Ecuador has 132 species of hummingbirds. We photographed 48 species on our last trip.

[Contact Strabo Tours for availability](#)

Cool Products & Things in the News



Gary and I will sign copies of our new book Backroads of the Texas Hill Country at the following:

- [Nature Discovery Center](#) Nov 5 at 7:00 p.m.
- [Houston Audubon Photography Group](#) Nov 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- [The Woodlands United Methodist Camera Club](#) Dec 1 at 7 pm
- [Lower Trinity Valley Bird Club](#) Dec 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Program with each book signing event. Proceeds benefit each organization. Our previous books will be available as well. [Contact me](#) to schedule a book signing, order books for the holidays, or get details

Houston Center for Photography's Teacher & Student Exhibition now through November 1. Print sale and closing party Nov 1 from 4-8:00 p.m. [Houston Center for Photography](#)

[The Scenic Store](#) now carries posters and fine art prints of my photographs and the wonderful photography of the photographers I represent. Enter Kathy Adams Clark, Larry Ditto or Kevin Adams in the search engine. Images are added regularly so visit in a month or so for images by Greg Lasley, Adam Gibbs, and Rick & Nora Bowers.

I'm the Photographer of the Month for October at [Bird Cape May](#). Log-in and take a look at my images.

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.](#)

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Questions or comments? E-mail us at HoustonPhotoTeacher@comcast.net or call 281-367-2042.