

# HOW TO PHOTOGRAPH BIRDS

# BIRD ETIQUETTE



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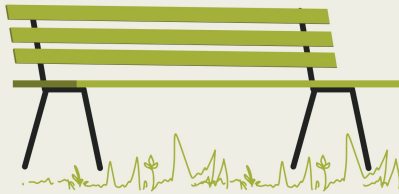
Bird photography is often practiced in the company of others. It might be other photographers, and it might also include birders who are not photographers. Bird photography is one genre where etiquette is really necessary to help everyone get the best view and pictures of these magnificent creatures.

Perfect to  
print A5 size  
14cm x 21cm  
5.83" x 8.27"



## KEEP IT QUIET

Many cameras have a silent mode or silent shutter mode. If possible, use a silent mode for bird photography. If your camera does not have this feature, stick with the less noisy single-shot mode.



## WAIT IT OUT

In public birding locations, you may find yourself surrounded by a group of school children or other types of groups. Practice patience as they will be gone in a few minutes.



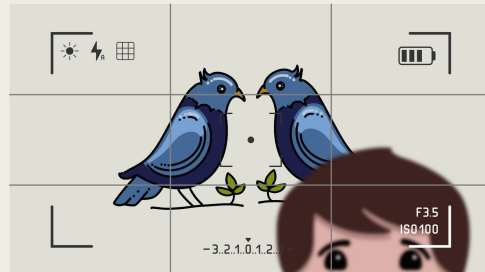
## GEAR UP

A portable bird blind is a very inexpensive way to get close to birds and leave the crowds behind.



## BE SOCIAL

Bird photographers are a dedicated group. Be friendly and share your experiences. You will likely be awarded further tips and tricks from old pros.



## DON'T PHOTOBOMB

Take special care when entering or exiting a public bird blind, as there may be others already there. You don't want to be the photographer that chased off a rare bird sighting by crashing through the door with all your gear in tow.

## KEY TIPS!

- Stop just before entering a blind. Go slowly and quietly.
- Silence your mobile phone.
- Converse in a whisper or with hand signals.
- Always remove any trash that you created.
- Do not use digital bird calls near a nest as it may cause the parent birds to abandon the eggs or newborn chicks.
- Keep a distance from all nests for the birds' protection as well as yours.

 Recommended

 Acceptable

 Not Recommended

 Not unless experienced