

HOW TO PHOTOGRAPH BIRDS FEEDING



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Capturing birds feeding in the wild will test your skills as outlined in the other cards. However, it adds an additional element, gaining knowledge about the birds' feeding habits that you wish to photograph. Capturing birds feeding requires patience and maybe a bit of luck.

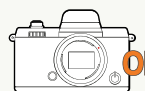
Perfect to print A5 size
14cm x 21cm
5.83" x 8.27"

GEAR UP

CAMERA



DSLR or mirrorless with Full Frame sensor



DSLR or mirrorless with APS-C sensor

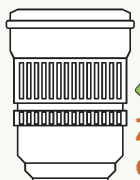


Smartphone camera

Camera considerations:

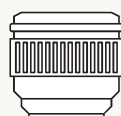
- Interchangeable lenses
- Low noise

LENS



Zoom lens considerations:

- Focal length range
150 – 600mm ✓
100 – 400mm ✓
70 – 200mm OK
- Maximum aperture f/6.3 +
- Tripod collar



Zoom lens considerations:

- Focal length range
100-600mm DEPENDING UPON DISTANCE
- Maximum aperture f/6.3 +



SET IT UP

File format



ISO setting



WITH A MAXIMUM SET TO 3200

Metering Mode

Center-weighted ✓

Matrix/Evaluative FOR VERY CLOSE FRAMING OK

Spot OK

Drive Mode



OUTDOORS



BEST WHEN SHOOTING THROUGH A WINDOW OR FROM A BLIND



Shooting Mode

S/Tv ✓

M OK

A/Av OK

KEEP AN EYE ON THE SHUTTER SPEED.

Focus Mode

Single Shot ✓

Focus Points



SMALL CENTRAL CLUSTER

Shutter Speed: Set at 1/180th

Image Stabilization: On UNLESS ON A TRIPOD

Aperture: f/5.6 – f/11

Back Button Focus: Recommended

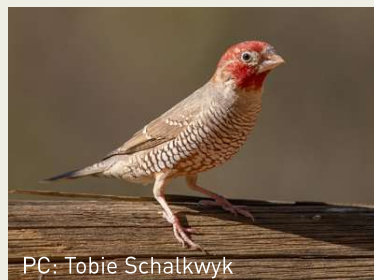
White Balance: Auto

Focus Tracking: On

Highlight Indicator: On



SHOOT IT

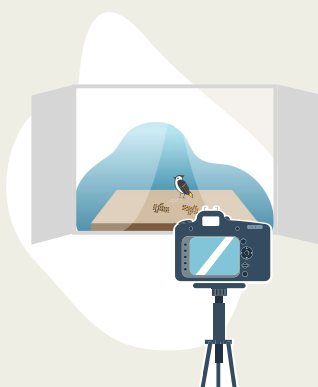


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PRO TECHNIQUE:

The easiest way to begin photographing birds feeding is to set up a feeding station outside a window of your home. This setup is known as baiting.

PRO TIP: An electronic flash can fill color and details and put a catch light in the eye of a bird.



- Set up within a few feet of a window that has drapes.
- Cover a table with a handful of seeds to attract the species you desire. Don't load up the table -just a handful.
- Pick a location with good light either in the morning or evening.
- Place the camera inside the drapes next to the window.
- The drapes eliminate reflections and also help camouflage the camera.
- Give yourself a spot to peek out at the table and fire the camera remotely.

✓ Recommended

OK Acceptable

✗ Not Recommended

! Not unless experienced

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