



BIRD IN FLIGHT

Camera

Keep your subject sharp by panning the camera

- Make sure the switch on the lens is set to AF and the camera's focus mode is Continuous or AI Servo.
- Choose a single AF point or a small group: keep this over the bird's eye, head or neck as you move the camera to track its movement.
- To freeze the motion of wing tips, use a fast shutter speed – aim for 1/1,000 sec or faster.

CAMERA SETTINGS TO TRY...

Mode	Aperture Priority
Aperture	f/2.8-5.6
Shutter speed	Auto
ISO	800-3,200
Lens	150-600mm

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FIELD CRAFT TIP: Larger birds take off and land into the wind, so find a shooting position to take advantage of this – ideally with the sun over your shoulder.