



## BIRD PORTRAITS

Digital  
Camera

Shoot from a bird's-eye level for really intimate photos

- Use a beanbag to cradle the lens when you're photographing species that feed on the ground.
- Manually set an AF point that corresponds with the bird's eye rather than the tip of its bill.
- Before you take the shot, check the background: if there are any bright patches of sky or distracting branches, change your position.

### CAMERA SETTINGS TO TRY...

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| <b>Mode</b>          | Aperture Priority |
| <b>Aperture</b>      | f/4-5.6           |
| <b>Shutter speed</b> | Auto              |
| <b>ISO</b>           | 100-400           |
| <b>Lens</b>          | 150-600mm         |

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**SHOOTING TIP:** When picking out a bird in a flock, aim for one at the edge of the group, or you may end up with the tails and wings of other birds in the frame.