

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

How to take your bird photos with your smartphone

Great bird photography requires great timing, and for that a smartphone has two big advantages. I’ve always loved to take photos of birds and I think both Cheryl and I have taken some really good photos. But, most cameras are big and in some cases heavy to carry around. You must carry a case with your lens in it. You must have two or three lens with you to make that perfect shot, perfect. Now, the smartphones are getting better. Now for those reasons you may want to use your smartphone. First, you carry it everywhere and second you already know how it works (except me). Of course, photographing birds is different than snapping a selfie. But with these tips, you’ll start adding your life list to your camera roll and will be uploading your snaps to Facebook in no time.

Last year the most popular camera on the photo-sharing site Flickr was Apple’s iPhone. In fact, smartphones occupied 10 of the top 20 slots in a list of devices favored by the site’s users. The new iPhone 6s boasts a 12-megapixel sensor and LG’s new G5 Android has two lenses, one for wide angles and one that’s a narrow 78 degrees (Ha?).

The camera app on most smartphones can autofocus and even track a subject. But for more precision and power, you’ll want to have manual control. The ProCamera app for iPhones and the Camera FV-5 app for Android phones let you adjust the following key functions. Here’s a tip for

you, experiment with these tips in your backyard, so they become automatic before you head to your local park for your shots.

Timed Shutter: If you’re using a scope to zoom in on a bird, the slightest touch of your camera can cause a vibration that will blur the image. Set your timer on your phone’s camera to delay the shot. Another option is to remotely trigger the shot using the volume down button on your headphones.

ISO: By default, smartphones automatically set the ISO (a measurement of the camera’s sensitivity to light). If your subject is in the dark underbrush, increasing the ISO will make the camera more receptive to available light.

File size: Larger images contain more information, which gives you more to work with when you go to edit them later. Set your phone to save photos with the highest pixel dimensions and in the TIFF format, so they remain uncompressed.

Shutter speed: To capture a fast moving bird, you’ll need a fast shutter speed (and a higher ISO to maintain an even exposure). By playing with the shutter speed you can also attain different effects, such as a crisp body with blurred wings.

Compose your shot: Your Smartphone will let you home in on a bird, but it isn’t a true zoom, it just crops into the size of the original photo and leaves you with a pixilated image. Also avoid shooting square images, there’s no point in cropping out detail prematurely. When recording video, rotate your phone to horizontal or sideways, nothing ruins great footage like black bars on

either side of the screen.

Fine-tune your photo: While editing apps can’t fix blunders like a blurred subject, they can turn a so-so image into an arresting shot. The Photoshop Express and Snapseed apps, available for both Android and iPhone, let you sharpen images, increase saturation and change color temperature, among other effects. The apps also give you the option to save the image to your camera roll or share it directly to social media.

What you’ll need: Digiscoping, or combining a digital camera and spotting scope, turns your Smartphone into an optical device with incredible telephoto reach. While you could simply hold your phone up to a scope, using an adapter that connects the two saves you the frustration and muscle fatigue that comes with trying to line up a clear shot. If you’re interested in digiscoping but aren’t sure you want to shell out for a spotting scope, your binoculars offer a more affordable though less powerful alternative. The simplest option is to buy a binocular adapter (starting around \$25) that attaches your phone to one of the optics eyecups. For greater stability, add a tripod to the mix (sturdy full size aluminum ones start at about \$100). Several companies

make tripod adapters (starting around \$20) that screw into the mount located at the hinge of most binoculars. To avoid jostling the perfect setup, snap the shot with a remote shutter (\$10 and up for wireless or cable remote).

OK, for the honest truth here, I know nothing about computers and smartphones. That’s the reason for the (Ha?) earlier. I’m married to my tech support. Without Cheryl I’m a lost puppy, in more ways than one. I found this article in my “Audubon” online magazine. I thought I would share with you some of their ideas. I hope this helps you take that perfect shot. Some of you will read this and go “Wow, why didn’t I think of that” and some will just go “Ha” like I did. I see a lot of you at my favorite place for breakfast/ lunch River Valley Restaurant. Please don’t ask me for help with your smartphone. I love my dumb phone for a reason. Like I said at the start, Cheryl and I have been using our Cannon SLR for years and I think we have some truly amazing shots. But, you can’t ignore the smartphones anymore. I hope this helps you.

If you have any question or comments you can contact me at birdwatching@frontiernet.net.

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Church News

Community Bible Church

School’s out

Proverbs 4:23-27 (NKJV) 23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. 24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you. 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. 26 Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. 27 Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

It is the end of the school year here at Community Christian Academy. It has been a good year, a full year. The other night at our awards assembly, the children were given awards for their diligence and progress in their studies. I have to admit, my heart was blessed to hear them sing, quote memorized Scripture, and receive acknowledgment for their developing character. Traits such as diligence, courage, friendliness, determination, fairness, and many other character traits were recognized in the students’ lives. I’ve come to the conclusion that while academics are

important, the development of good character in a young person is beyond price. Our world grows short on people who have absolute standards in their lives, and our culture shows it. The smiles and sparkles in the eyes of the students as they received their awards indicated to me that the students were also encouraged.

What is education really all about – societal transformation, getting a good job, making good citizens of people, teaching reading, writing, and arithmetic? Although these all have a part, I believe that education must impart wisdom to the students to help them understand life, culture, themselves and eternal truth. In reality a school can only do a part – for the home they grow up in does most of the teaching.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Ministry at CBC

Happy Father’s Day!
Sunday, June 19
Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.
No Prayer and Praise

Community Christian Academy
Accepting applications for next
year
Preschool – High School

Free Vacation Bible School
June 20-24
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Age 3 to Grade 6
Registration at 8:30 a.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

A brand-new man

(*Galatians 2:15-21*)

Martin Luther says that it was a passage in Romans that opened his eyes to God’s grace as “a gate of heaven” and then his studies in Galatians served to reinforce what God had shown him in Romans. Those scriptures revealed to him that it was not through our own efforts that we gain merit with God. It’s through “grace and sheer mercy” that we’re made right with God.

In *Galatians 2:19-20* the Apostle Paul says: 19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; 20 and it is no longer

I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

His death on the cross brings us the gift of His righteousness, but that doesn’t give us license to live unrighteous lives. That would be a misunderstanding of God’s gift of grace to us. We don’t sin in order to receive more of God’s grace. We receive God’s grace and through it we’re given the power of God’s Spirit to turn from our sins and live more righteous lives.

Paul tells us in Galatians that if we try to build our lives just by living according

to the law, we’ll never make it. We aren’t good enough; no one is. We have to give our sins to Christ to be crucified on His cross, and then allow Jesus Christ by His Spirit to live in us. That’s how God makes us righteous.

In verse 21, he says: I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

If justification can come from our ability to live righteous lives under our own power then God’s grace wouldn’t be necessary and Christ’s death on the cross didn’t mean anything. But the truth is that it’s only by that grace that any of us is justified

before God.

So Christ’s death DID mean something. Christ paid the price for our sins and the sins of the whole world and because of him, the gates of heaven are now open.

If we know that we belong to God because we’ve accepted Christ as our Savior, then everything else falls into place. Martin Luther did and it changed his life. From the moment that he put his whole trust in Christ’s grace and love, Luther became a brand-new man, and he changed the course of human history because of his insistence that by grace alone and by faith alone that we find peace with God.

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Phone 541-592-3876
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Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.
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Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m.
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Meeting - 7 p.m.
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Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
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Pastor Dan Robinson
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Morning Worship 11 a.m
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m

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Lay Pastor.
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541-592-3956
Pastor Mark McLean
Morning Worship
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Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Adult Bible Study

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Rev. Bryant Bechtold
Sunday Worship
Service 10:30 a.m.

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Sacrament Meet - 10 a.m.
Sunday School - 11:20 a.m.
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Bishop
Larry Hammersmith
541-592-3919

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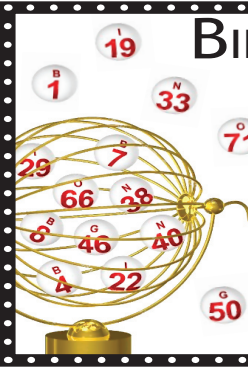

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