

THE COASTAL EDGE



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An osprey delivers a trout to the Broadway Park nest in Seaside.

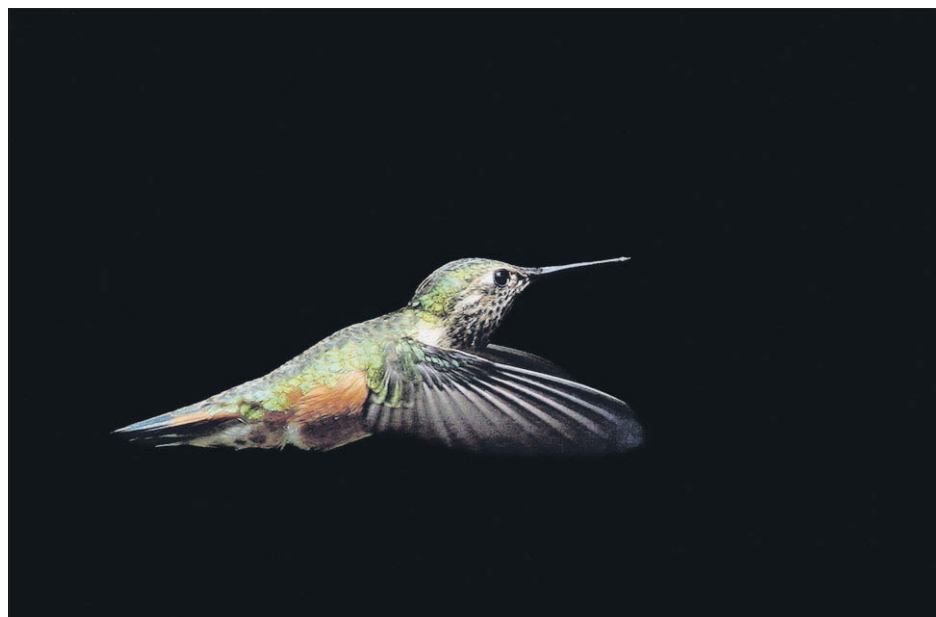
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In cycles older than time, forces deep within the earth push apart tectonic plates, creating and expanding the oceans whose waters are pushed and pulled by the sun and moon, cooled and heated and calmed and stirred to fury by the skies.

Ocean collides with continent shattering the shore into a thousand facets: bare rock monoliths, vast expanses of sand, saltwater pools that drown, then drain, then drown, then drain. And in that shattering, life asserts itself, creeping and burrowing and swimming and perching in particular nich-

es, particular flora and fauna whose collective presence defines the coastal edge.

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A female hummingbird flies near the Necanicum River in Seaside.



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A female rufous hummingbird collects nesting material from a cattail.