

Third Place Photography – Ages 10-13
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I photographed this **Black-and-White Warbler** (*Mniotilta varia*) at a local park. I was watching and photographing it as it foraged in a distant tree, and to my surprise, it flew into the tree that I was standing beside. I quickly snapped off a series of photos, but only a few came out focused. I like this picture because the bird's beak is open and its looking up and calling. I took this picture at Baileywick Park, Raleigh, NC on September 9, 2007 at 1:56 PM. I took it with a Nikon D50 camera with 200mm zoom, the ISO was 800, aperture 5.6, and shutter speed 1/80.



I was at the Asheboro Zoo in North Carolina, when I came across an unexpected bird foraging on a mudflat near the alligator exhibit. It was an **American Woodcock** (*Gallinago gallinago*). I was surprised to be able to watch it for fifteen minutes at a distance of about fifteen feet before I had to continue on. I took over forty pictures, many of them very good, but settled on this one because of its action. It was pulling worms out of the mud, and here it is stretching the worm to its fullest extent before it extracted and ate it. I took this picture mid-afternoon on August 29, 2007 with a Nikon D50 camera and 200mm zoom.