

Second Place Photography – Age 10-13
John Garrett – Pasadena, California



Female Selasphorus Hummingbird

Equipment: Canon Powershot S2 IS with Tele-converter 1.5x

Medium: Digital

Location: My backyard, Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California

Date: April 19, 2007, 12:09pm

Although at most times of the year I would safely call this bird an Allen's Hummingbird, in the spring and early fall one must be cautious as there are many Rufous around as well, especially in recent years. This tame female allowed me to approach very closely and get many photographs. This one is my favorite because of the composition, the way in which it captures the wing movements, the fact that she is at a cardinal flower and not a nectar feeder, and the twinkle in her eye.



Burrowing Owl

Athene cunicularia

Equipment: Canon Powershot S2 IS with Tele-converter 1.5x

Medium: Digital

Location: SchrimpfRoad, Salton Sea NWR, Imperial County, California

Date: March 25, 2007, 8:29am

Burrowing Owls are one of the most ubiquitous birds at the Salton Sea. We stopped our car to look at this one fierce-looking individual in its burrow, and while I was taking a picture from the car, another popped its head out of the hole! Note the feathery-like dung piled in front of the hole, which is used to attract Dung Beetles that they eat.



Red-tailed Hawk

Buteo jamaicensis

Equipment: Canon Powershot S2 IS with Tele-converter 1.5x

Medium: Digital

Location: Carrizo Plains, San Luis Obispo County, California

Date: January 28, 2007, 8:48am

The Carrizo Plains is a great place to find raptors. On the side of the road we found this Red-tailed Hawk shredding a rodent. Only several feet away, it merely stared at us until it flew off with the dead rodent as our cars drove off. This photo was taken from the car. I really like it because of both the dead rodent clasped beneath its talons, and its belligerent and offended stare.