

**First Place Photography – Age 10-13  
Spencer Hardy – Norwich, Vermont**



**Forster's Tern**

*Sterna forsteri*

Family Laridae

Equipment: Nikon D70 digital camera, Tamron 28-200mm f/3.8~5.6 AF lens; Hoya 1B (skylight) filter; hand held.

Settings: 200mm; ISO 200; Multi-pattern metering; F/7.1 exposure, 1/800 sec.

Location: Brigantine NWR, near Atlantic City, New Jersey

Date/time: 0750, 14 May 2007

After competing in the World Series of Birding with a youth team from Vermont we spent a day as a team birding New Jersey. This photo was taken at Brigantine Refuge, a pristine marsh just across the bay from Atlantic City. The tern was diving almost constantly just feet away from a dike where our team van was stopped, possibly because of

a calm section on either side of the dike. This shot is one of my favorites ever because of the great position of this diving bird; although it is a little fuzzy I think the action outweighs that.



### **Carolina Wren**

*Hryothorus ludovicianus* Family Troglodytidae

Equipment: Nikon D70 digital camera, Tamron 28-200mm f/3.8~5.6 AF lens; Hoya 1B (skylight) filter; hand held.

Settings: 200mm; ISO 200; Spot metering; F/5.6 exposure, 1/80 sec.

Location: Grandparents yard, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Date/time: 1550 on 18 April 2007

This picture was taken from my grandparent's porch during our annual family visit to their semi-wooded residential neighborhood. This Carolina Wren was present much of the time, and likely nested not far away. I was able to get this shot by sitting quietly on the porch and waiting for wrens and other birds to visit a few seed feeders. This wren landed briefly and checked for insects on this tree. I like the bird's pose in this picture.



### **Common Moorhen**

*Gallinula chloropus* Family Rallidae, Adult with young

Equipment: Nikon D70 digital camera, Tamron 28-200mm f/3.8~5.6 AF lens; Hoya IB ( skylight) filter; hand held.

Settings: 200mm; ISO 400; Multi-pattern metering; F/5.6 exposure, 1/125 sec.

Location: Norias Division, King Ranch, near Kingsville, Texas

Date/time: 0700 on 5 July 2005

While birding in south costal Texas with my Dad, we spent a day with a King Ranch Tour Guide as part of a semi-private tour. After lunch the guide took us to a swamp alive with coots, anhingas, terns and grebes. Just as our van pulled up this Moorhen family swam out of the vegetation. Using our van as a blind I was able to get several pictures while the two adults and 6 or 7 newly hatched chicks fed without concern about us. I like this photo because it shows an interesting plumage of a cool bird. A few of the chicks are not in focus, but the adult and other chicks are pretty sharp and there is not a lot of glare on the birds.