

Third Place Photography – Age 14-18
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Eastern Bluebird

28 Farm Road, Sherborn, MA

23 February 2007, 3:15 pm

Canon EOS Digital Rebel XTi, Canon 70-300mm IS USM lens

Evaluative Metering, Shutter speed 1/320 at f/5.6 at ISO 200

I was on my stomach photographing a fairly distant male bluebird foraging on my grandparent's lawn when I sensed movement to my left. I looked over to see this female bird less than 10 feet away on a branch looking down at me. The afternoon light was pretty nice on her and I love the angle at which she's looking at me. I also think the bark on the tree (Shagbark Hickory?) adds to the photo.



Iceland Gull

Union Wharf, Portland, ME

17 February 2007, 2:15 pm

Canon EOS Digital Rebel XTi, Canon 70-300mm IS USM lens

Evaluative Metering, Shutter speed 1/4000 at f/5.6 at ISO 1600 (oops)

I had found the bird the previous day, but wanted to spend more time photographing it. I went down in the afternoon and got lots of normal, fairly boring shots of it. I was bummed when it flew into “bad” lighting, but thought I could get some neat results. This photo really jumped out at me because of the unconventional lighting, which I think is dramatic and gives the image more appeal. The open bill adds interest to the image, as well.