

South Texas Bird Photography Workshops

New dates for 2020

Join noted photographer, author and instructor, Brian Loflin for an intense, instructional, bird photography workshop in the heart of the South Texas flyway. The workshop features a half-day of hands-on instruction and two and a half days shooting in some of the best South Texas birding habitat available where neotropical South Texas varieties and migrants abound.

The workshop will be held at the Laguna Seca Ranch north of Edinburg, Texas in the heart of the lush Rio Grande Valley. The facilities of the 700-acre ranch are purpose-designed for photography and preserved with all native species. It features four constant-level ponds, each with permanent photography blinds oriented for the best use of light. A fifth blind is set up specifically for raptors. Each location has been hand-crafted to provide the most outstanding bird photography opportunities. With nearly eighty species found on the property, Laguna Seca Ranch clearly offers a uniquely outstanding South Texas bird photography adventure!



White-tailed hawk



Crested caracara

At our workshop we bring the birds to you! We set up natural perches considering the best photographic light. Photography of the best scenarios is just 12-15 feet from your lens! Birds have dripping water attractions and are fed year-round so that attraction of the best species is stress-free.

This workshop is designed for serious photographers competent in the use of their camera and equipment, yet may not have experienced the thrill of producing bird photographs of the highest quality. Copious instruction will include hands-on demonstrations in bird photography, understanding best exposures and camera settings, and the use of flash. Instruction will also include how to

set up in a blind and shooting etiquette, setting up perches, best management of light and backgrounds and much, much more.

The equipment of choice is a Digital SLR camera and zoom lenses in the 200 mm or longer focal length with tele-converter and extension tube options. Some photographers enjoy lenses of 400 to 600 mm in focal length. A dedicated flash with Better-Beamer style flash extender is an ideal option. Bring your laptop for image downloads and review.

Accommodations will be at the nearby ECHO Hotel in Edinburg, Texas. Participants will have mini-suites, a welcome spot to unwind and relax. Dinners will be served in the dining room and nearby restaurants and group discussions and refreshments may follow in the evenings. TV and Wi-Fi internet connections are available.

Join us in Texas' Rio Grande Valley for a truly remarkable and memorable photographic experience!

Limited to six Photographers

May 21-24, 2020

October 22-25, 2020

Price: \$1,695.00

Includes lodging, meals and ranch fees.

(Exclusive of transportation to/from the Rio Grande Valley.)

A detailed information packet and equipment list will be sent to those wishing to register.

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Pyrrhuloxia



Green jay



Sharp-shinned hawk



Golden-fronted woodpecker



Harris hawk