

The Clique
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Springfield Camera Club

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Promoting Better Photography in the Springfield, Illinois Area
<http://www.springfieldcameraclub.org/>



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by
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Visitors and New Members Always Welcome!

Meetings: Second & Fourth Thursdays
at 7:00 p.m. Lower Level

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700 South Sixth Street, Springfield, Illinois

CHECK OUT THESE ITEMS ON THE INTERNET

1. <http://www.naturephotographermag.com/-freeToRead/foxFocus.htm>

The Importance of Focus

Article and Images by

Ryan R. Fox

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Deer, flowers, landscapes, streams, leaves, snakes, and the list goes on and on and on. Nature photography offers a plethora of subjects for us to photograph while on a walk in the woods. The various subjects require the use of an assortment of different lenses and equipment, from wide angle, to macro, to telephoto or zoom. As an amateur nature photographer, it is very easy to be overcome by the display of visual stimulants as you stroll through the forest. Pausing to photograph a scenic vista, you might spot a deer, coyote, bear, or other forest animal fleeing as you prepare your equipment for the landscape shot. Or walking slowly, alert to the potential movement or outline of a nearby mammal in the dense forest, you may not notice the intricate pattern underfoot or the delicate mushroom on a nearby bank. Herein lies the problem with nature photography; too many subjects!

You have to focus, and I am not just talking about your lens. Before going out into nature, armed with a variety of specialized lenses and a gear bag full of equipment, you need to decide the purpose of your jaunt into the wilderness. Will you be taking macro shots? Making wildlife images? Or going after a spectacular landscape at sunset? You need to make this determination ahead of time for several reasons.



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2. <http://www.nature.org/>



The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.



Breaking News: The Nature Conservancy [mourns the tragic deaths](#) of seven WWF staff members and 17 others who died in Nepal Sept. 23.

Easements



A new law makes conservation easements, a powerful tool for conserving private U.S. lands, [even more attractive](#).

Adopt an Acre®



Adopt an Acre® today and help us protect one of the world's most diverse and fragile habitats: the [Rift Valley of East Africa](#).

Airborne Threat?



Why are [birds in New York](#) showing elevated mercury levels? The answer could be a warning sign for ecosystem health.

Podcast



Yellowstone's former geyser guy, Rick Hutchinson, gives us [an audio tour](#) of the park's thermal wonders.

Nature pictures (left to right, top to bottom): © Jeff Richter (forest conservation); © Heather Waugh/Lakeside Studio (conservation easements); © Robin Smith (Adopt an Acre®); © US Fish & Wildlife Service (mercury in New York birds); © Tracie A. Henry (Yellowstone)

National Wildlife Refuge Week

Kids' crafts and wildlife observation walks are among events many of the nation's more than 540 National Wildlife Refuges will be holding during National Wildlife Refuge Week **October 8-14**. The annual event celebrates the Refuge System's pivotal role in offering visitors outdoor recreational opportunities as well as showcasing the conservation and recovery of wildlife species on Refuges across the country.



#1 Cache River Wetlands

Date:	October 09, 2006 (Monday)
Time:	9 am & 1 pm
Event Site:	Illinois Cache River Wetlands-Cypress Creek NWR
Event Description:	Guided Hikes in the Cache River Wetlands Monday, October 9 Wrap up a long weekend with a relaxing hike through the Cache River State Natural Area. A morning hike at 9 a.m. to Heron Pond highlights the natural and cultural history of the area, and features a boardwalk that winds through a pure stand of bald cypress trees. At 1 p.m., join us for a hike to Wildcat Bluff and Little Black Slough which meanders along an exposed sandstone shelter bluff and to Boss Island; the site of a cypress cabin from 1853. Hikes depart from trailheads.
Contact Information:	*Meet at Heron Pond Trail Head at 9:00 a.m. or Wildcat Bluff Trail Head at 1:00 p.m.
Event URL:	http://www.fws.gov/midwest/CypressCreek

#2 Two Rivers

Date:	October 14, 2006 (Saturday)
Time:	8:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.
Event Site:	Ill.Two Rivers Nat'l Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center
Event Description:	Open house to promote Two Rivers NWR and Nat'l Wildlife Refuge System. Activities include early morning birding trip, self guided auto tour of Swan Lake, staff guided Refuge tour, and programs on birds, reptiles and amphibians, and wetland vegetation. Visitor Center open with information.
Contact:	Two Rivers NWR: 618 883-2524 tworivers@fws.gov

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OFFICERS

September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006

- PRESIDENT..... Eldon Muench
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- 2nd VICE-PRESIDENT..... Gail Tanner (Programs)
- 3rd VICE-PRESIDENT..... (Competitions)
- SECRETARY.....
- TREASURER..... Phil Martinek
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE.....
- CICCA REPRESENTATIVE... Bob Welch
- HISTORIAN Edie Fox

APPOINTMENTS

- CLIQUE EDITOR..... Allen Oehlert
- MUSEUM SHOWS..... Paul Puckel
- PSA REPRESENTATIVE..... Rachel Rexroat
- WEB MASTER..... Eric Volkel-Barno

Photography Quotes...

Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever... it remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything.

Aaron Siskind

Ever since the 1860s when photographers traveled the American West and brought photographs of scenic wonders back to the people on the East Coast of America we have had a North American tradition of landscape photography used for the environment.

Galen Rowell