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Welcome to the Newsletter

Welcome! You are reading the first edition of my nature photography newsletter. My goal is to provide occasional updates to show recent photographs and to share information about travel and exhibits.



Rays of Rain, Everglades National Park



I am currently living in Cutler Bay, FL, (southern Miami) and working for the National Park Service (South Florida/Caribbean Network) as a GIS Specialist. Most of my time outside the office is spent exploring Florida's varied habitats. Winter is our season of relief from hurricanes and mosquitoes, so the next few months should be fantastic.

Do you use Flickr to view/share photographs? You can comment on my latest images here: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/juddpatterson/>

Fall in the Rockies

In late September my job sent me to Colorado, and I was able to spend a few extra days hiking and taking photographs in Rocky Mountain National Park. I'll admit that it took a while to fully transition from southern Florida (hot, humid, and just barely above sea level), but I had a wonderful time.



Subalpine Fall Colors and a Stylish Bugling Elk, Rocky Mountain National Park

There are few things more invigorating than a crisp fall day in the Rocky Mountains. I frequently woke up before 4AM (not typical for a night-owl like myself) and hiked to locations such as Dream Lake and Lake Helene for sunrise. I've placed a new Spotlight gallery online full of wildlife and landscape images from my journey: http://www.juddpatterson.com/spotlight/september_24_2008.shtml

Night Photography Article

Recently I wrote an article for the Everglades Photographic Society (EPS) about my experiments with long exposure night photography. EPS is a group of Florida photographers striving to increase appreciation for the natural world through photography. The article provides some background on how I plan for my night photographs, and offers a few tips that might help others. You can read the full article online:



<http://www.evergladesphotosociety.org/articles/juddnight.html>

Fort DeSoto Birdlife

Fall along the coast in Florida can be a wonderful time for bird photography. Large flocks of migratory shorebirds descend upon the state, and summer beach crowds begin to thin. My favorite beach location is beautiful Ft. DeSoto just south of Tampa. I always manage to come up with some new images when I visit...but it usually requires a lot of crawling around on my belly through mud, sand, and sharp shells. Still, you can bet that I'll be back next year!



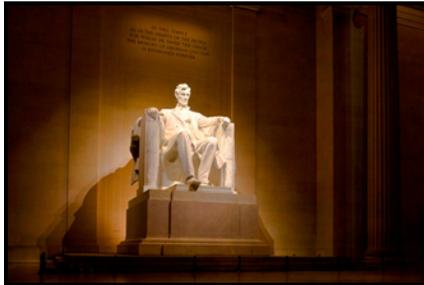
*(Top row: Western Sandpiper, American Oystercatcher)
(Bottom row: Semipalmated Plover, Great Egret with eel)*

Washington DC Success



On September 3rd, I gave a talk in Washington DC about the tallgrass prairie and my love for photography on the Konza Prairie. This was the capstone of my 28 image exhibit that hung in the Department of the Interior Museum throughout the summer. It was really a treat to introduce the prairie to an audience unfamiliar with the beauty that can be found in grasslands. To create the presentation I waded through thousands of photographs in my archives and read a wonderful book titled PrairyErth

by William Least Heat-Moon. That combination made me incredibly homesick for the tallgrass prairie that I have not seen in nearly a year!



A sampling of my Washington DC at night photographs

Current Exhibit/Open House – Stop in to Chat!

Throughout December and January, the photographs shown in Washington DC will be on display at [Bergen's Studio and Art Gallery](#) in downtown Salina, KS ([320 N Santa Fe Ave](#)). I will also hold a special reception on Saturday, December 27th, from 1-4PM. Feel free to stop in to visit and see the images. I am also considering several additional locations for the exhibit in 2009. Please [send me an email](#) if you know the perfect spot!



*Left: Wild American Flamingo (Cutler Bay, FL)
Right: American Bittern sways in the sawgrass (Everglades National Park)*



Dawn Thunderstorm, Blowing Rocks Preserve (Jupiter, FL)

*“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in where nature may heal and cheer and give strength to the body and soul.”
—John Muir*