

# Wildlife

## Description:

Create a compelling wildlife photo. If you cannot go out on a hike, just look for birds or squirrels near your home. The idea is to put your exposure and focusing skills to work to create a tack sharp photo of a fast moving subject.

## Keys to Success:

- You'll need a very fast shutter speed to stop the action and avoid camera shake.
- A large aperture will give you the light you need and blur out the background to isolate your subject.
- Have your exposure settings dialed in before you start looking for subjects. Also, given the fast-moving nature of this exercise, you might want to work in Aperture Priority mode (A or Av on the Mode Dial).
- Watch your focus; and focus on the eyes if you can. You'll have to be quick.

## Upon Completion of this Assignment:

If you can create a tack sharp wildlife photo, then you can create a tack sharp photo of anything! The moving subject creates exposure challenges; and the distances involved make focus and camera shake an issue. If you didn't get the shot you wanted, don't worry - this is a tough one. Keep working at it and you'll end up with a stunning wildlife shot.