

Celebrating Animals

I'm a speech-language pathologist with a passion for wildlife photography. It's hard for me to find time to shoot, but when I do, I become relaxed and tranquil. During the Gulf oil spill, I felt helpless and devastated watching the images of oil-soaked birds. I channeled those feelings into photographing birds in my area. This great blue heron looked safe from any harm in the Viera Wetlands. He was such a beautiful and graceful bird, blissfully ignorant of the environmental devastation occurring hundreds of miles to the west. Seeing him made me happy—and in that moment, I felt at peace.

— *Karen Rodriguez, Cocoa, Florida*



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