



Winter Update

Upcoming Photo Contest

The Coastal Bend Land Fund Photo Contest is a fascinating event. Photographers are paired with a landowner in the coastal bend near Corpus Christi, Texas. Photographers shoot on that property from Feb 1 to June 15 trying to out perform other photographers in the contest.

Winners get \$1000s of dollars in prize money. Everyone in the contest gets a chance to capture stunning images of nature in Texas.

Entry fee required. Open to amateurs or professionals regardless of skill level. No advance qualifications. Lots of fun!
www.wildlifephotcontest.com

Leisure Learning Photo Classes

Leisure Learning classes are held at 2990 Richmond Avenue, Houston. Advance registration is required. Snack bar in the basement offering coffee, soda, hamburgers, and sandwiches.

- * **Digital SLR** — Mar 3 — menus, camera settings, workflow
- * **Photography at Night** — April 30
- * **Intermediate** — Feb 12, Mar 24 — kids, pets, vacations. Build on what you learned in Basic Photography.
- * **Flash Photography** — Jan 20 — bring your camera, flash and tripod. This a hands-on class.
- * **Basic Photography** — Feb 14, March 21
- * **Photoshop for Photographers** — Mar 10 — Photoshop and Lightroom workflow, metadata, renaming, processing.
- * **Macro Photography** — Mar 31 — hands on so bring your camera, tripod, flash, and flowers.
- * **Advanced Nature Photography** — Feb 28
- * **Landscape Photography** — March 19, April 14
- * **Garden Photography** — April 7

Leisure Learning

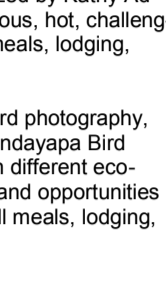
South Texas Photo Shoot

June 26-28, 2008 Private ranch is south Texas with incredible photo blinds. White-tailed deer, Mexican ground squirrel, green jay, crested caracara, Harris's hawk, indigo snake, armadillo, and many more critters.

\$1,300 covers transportation to and from Houston (departing on 25th returning on 26th), lodging, meals at the ranch, and photo instruction.

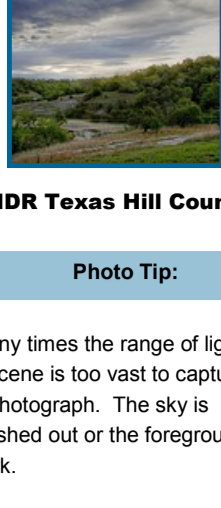
Two openings left. Couple or two people willing to share a room.

More Information



Green Jay

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HDR Texas Hill Country

Photo Tip:

Many times the range of light in a scene is too vast to capture in a photograph. The sky is washed out or the foreground is dark.

In the past, we could use a split neutral density filter or play around in Photoshop.

Today, we can take several photos at different exposures and then blend them in special software. The end product shows the entire range of light in the scene.

This is called HDR or high dynamic range.

The photograph above started out as five photos. I started with a shot that was 2 stops over exposed, then took a photo that was 1 stop over exposed, then properly exposed, 1 stop under exposed, and finally 2 stops under exposed.

I blended them in a software called [PhotomatiX](#).

Learn how to do this in my Landscape Photography class on March 19 or April 14. Or join us at the meeting of the [Houston Area Nature Photography Association](#) on April 15.

Look for my Leisure Learning class on HDR and Panorama photography this summer.

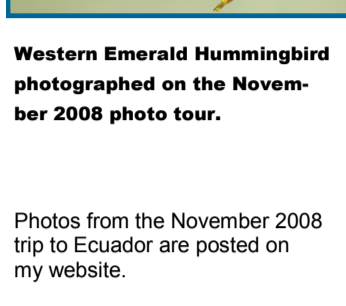
2009 Photo Tours Sponsored by Houston Audubon

The 2009 trips are starting to fill. Travel with other nature enthusiasts and support the work of Houston Audubon by joining us on one of these adventures.

Costa Rica — Southern Adventure May 15-26, 2009. Scarlet macaw, monkeys, sloths, hummingbirds, and tropical birds. Led by Kathy Adams Clark, Gary Clark, and Willy Alfaro. A bit strenuous, hot, challenging, great wildlife. \$4495 plus air from the U.S. All meals, lodging, transportation, and guide fees covered.

Ecuador — Sept 3-14, 2009 Stop-action hummingbird photography, colorful tropical birds, and incredible landscapes. Tandayapa Bird Lodge, Papallacta Pass, and others. Three lodges in different ecosystems plus hotels in Quito. Lots of hummingbirds and opportunities to photograph them. \$3495 plus air from the U. S. All meals, lodging, transportation, and guides covered in fee.

Strabo Tours for more information



Western Emerald Hummingbird photographed on the November 2008 photo tour.

Photos from the November 2008 trip to Ecuador are posted on my website.

Click here

Costa Rica Nov 2009 — Economy Buster

Costa Rica -- Hummingbirds, birds, and wildlife Nov 2-12, 2009. Led by Kathy Adams Clark and Costa Rican naturalist, Willy Alfaro. Four eco-lodges in different regions. Easy, comfortable, relaxing, but such great shooting! Good first trip to the tropics or to learn bird photography. **Cost \$2995 for 7 days or \$3790 for 10 days.** All meals, lodging, transportation, and guides covered in fee. Air fare not included.

Send me information

Cool Products & Things in the News



Gary and I will sign copies of our new book Backroads of the Texas Hill Country at the following:

- [The Woodlands Camera Club](#) Feb 9 at 6:30 p.m.
- [Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center](#) Austin April 11 1:00 p.m.

Program with each book signing event. Proceeds benefit each organization. Our previous books will be available as well. [Contact me](#) to schedule a book signing, order books or get details

[The Scenic Store](#) now carries posters and fine art prints of my photographs and the wonderful photography of the photographers I represent. Enter Kathy Adams Clark, Larry Ditto, Adam Gibbs, Rick & Nora Bowers or Kevin Adams in the search engine. Images are added regularly so visit in a month or so.

Critique Your Photos — I hold an evening event where participants bring their photos and I critique the images. \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members. [Houston Arboretum](#) March 17th 6:30-9:00

My website (www.kathyadamsclark.com) has a new look thanks to Kallisto Designs. Kalli, the owner and chief designer, is an extremely talented person with a background in photography.

Kalli worked with me to get the look I wanted. Her preliminary designs were amazing. Working with Kalli was a pleasure. In a nutshell, it was fun and easy to get a new website.

Every photographer needs a website. Contact Kalli and get the ball rolling on a professionally designed web presence for your photos.

Kallisto Designs

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