



# Shutter Release

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The beauty in the tiny is very fascinating. Most of us are aware of the beauty in nature of large scale things, but I am interested in macro photography. There are flowers in every backyard that at the normal scale look ordinary. An example is

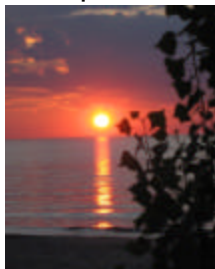


But if you get down on your knees you find these are very beautiful. I call this flower the 'Japanese Lady' because it looks like a lady garbed in traditional dress. I took these photos with my point and shoot camera, Canon SD520.

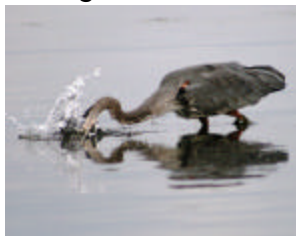


I bought myself a macro lens after I joined the Club, but I haven't as yet found just the right place in BC for working in the macro world. In Eastern Ontario there were many opportunities to catch butterflies and insects just going about their business.

We like to go on road trips where we camp along the way. These types of holidays give me opportunities to take pictures of sunsets, campfires and the moon.



Since our move to BC earlier this year, I've found that I have been looking at wild life more and more. I find their expressions especially interesting. I know most people have seen the blue heron a million times, but I am fascinated by its fishing actions. I have spent hours watching it fishing. It is amazing to see it swallow a live fish that is wiggling and moving its fins.



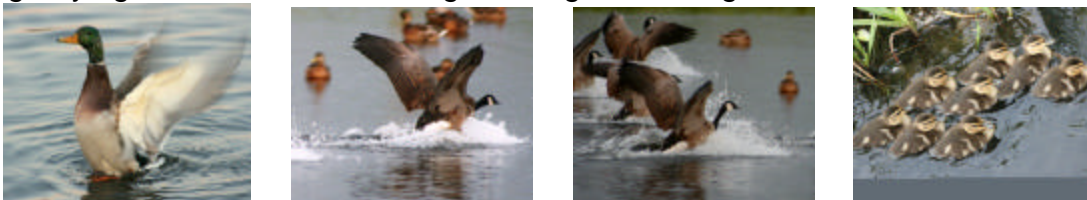
Have you seen a heron trying to scratch itself? It is often looks quite ugly.



Up in Port Hardy there is a roosting area for bald eagles that provided an opportunity to watch these birds for hours at a time. They like to eat lunch at a local fish plant that throws out scraps for them around noon.



I know that ducks have been often photographed. People line up at Burnaby Lake trying to get the perfect duck landing photo. I find watching ducks performing their day to day activities most interesting: drying themselves, swimming, landing and taking off.



Up in Golden I caught this shot of a big horn sheep scratching. These large animals are really flexible. Here is "The Contortionist"



It seems they also like to munch on daisies?



I'm still in the experimental stage with my photography and I'm not sure what subjects I'll find myself focusing on next. Wait for the next instalment.