

Bird Photography – Intermediate level

This intermediate-level photography course is designed for those with a solid understanding of their camera, including confident use of Aperture, Shutter Speed, and ISO, and how these settings interact. The focus of the workshop is on photographing birdlife, with an emphasis on both technical skills and creative storytelling.

The session includes classroom learning covering optimal settings, composition that tells a story, respectful approaches to birds, background control, and capturing both behaviour and portrait-style images. There will be plenty of opportunities for questions and discussion before we head to Hagley Park for a practical session to apply the techniques learned. If time allows, we will also briefly explore post-processing in Lightroom.

Participants are invited to join an optional early-morning golden hour bird photography outing on Sunday 19 April, with the meeting point confirmed during Saturday's workshop.

Equipment requirements

- DSLR or mirrorless camera with telephoto lens (300–600mm+)
- Memory cards and spare batteries
- Camera rain cover
- Lightweight tripod or monopod (optional)
- Comfortable shoes and warm/wet-weather clothing
- Notebook and pen
- Laptop with editing software (optional)

Details

- **Time:** 9am – 12pm
- **Location:** Wainuku learning space
- **Cost:** \$100 per person