

Join My Photography & Bio Blitz Workshop!

About the Workshop

Location

- Nature Center
- Greenway or Hiking Trail
- National, Municipal, County, or City Park

Attendees

- Kids, teens, teachers, and retirees
- Land Trust Members
- Nature Photographers
- Expert scientists work with groups of volunteers from the public

Goal

- The documentation of biodiversity
- Learn about species and how they connect with each other

Many photography workshops bring participants out into the woods to shoot various habitats. What they usually do not tell you is how all of the species in the habitat connect and interact with each other. My Photography & Bio Blitz Workshop will prepare the participant for attending Bio Blitzes around the country and working with the scientists to photograph the species found in those various habitats.

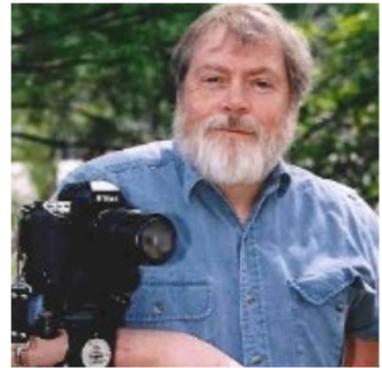
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Schedule

Friday Evening

- Guided tour of ecosystem with an ecologist and a photographer
- Presentations:
 - How the Bio Blitz works
 - The ecologist's role
 - Photography shoot planning
 - [Meet Your Neighbors](#) concept and how we will use it in the field

Saturday

- Morning exploration of the first ecosystem with the ecologist
- Meet Your Neighbors technique with Kevin FitzPatrick
- Evening group discussion of the ecology of the habitat & examination of the photographs from the day

Sunday Morning

- Morning exploration of the second ecosystem with the ecologist