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▲ Caspian Tern. The world's largest species of tern.



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The Nature Photography of Greg Noakes

I'm a nature photographer from Halton Hills. As an outdoor enthusiast, I'm always looking for ways to immerse myself in the natural world, and photography has been the perfect medium for me to do so. Photography for me is a way to connect with nature, explore new places, and see the world through a different lens. Living along the Niagara Escarpment and having the Bruce Trail in my back yard has been a blessing. I'm constantly inspired by its beauty and complexity, and I'm grateful for the chance to share my perspective with others. Whether it's a grand landscape or the details of a bird's feathers, I believe everything in the natural world has its own story to tell, and it's my job as a photographer to bring those stories to life.



▲ Western Honey Bee at Purple Loosestrife. It took a bit of patience and multiple shots to come away with a shot with the bee looking at the camera, but it was worth the wait.



◀ Scarlet Tanager. During an unexpectedly windy, wet, and stormy day, I ventured out not expecting to find anything when this Scarlet Tanager flew past, at eye level, trying to find a break from the storm.

▼ Eastern Chipmunk. An Eastern Chipmunk and I played Peek-a-boo in the late fall of 2023.





▲ American Mink. While I was sitting by the river passing the time, an American Mink approached me along the riverbank, curious about what I was up to.



▲ Eastern Black Swallowtail on Teasel.

► Red-tailed Hawk. I had the idea for a photo like this in my mind's eye for a while. A very minimalistic, single perch, a somewhat regal, posed bird of prey, and some dramatic skies behind. Thanks to a chance encounter roadside on a drive home one day, I've now got my shot!





▲ Eastern White-tailed Deer. This is from a chance encounter last fall in Halton's only provincial park, Bronte Creek Provincial Park, and an unforgettable experience.



▲ Red-tailed Hawk. After enjoying a meal, this Red-tailed Hawk posed nearby on an old fence.



▲ Eastern Bluebird. My personal favourite bird species.



▲ Red Trillium. A spring ephemeral. Fun fact, it smells like a "wet dog" to some!



▲ Green Frog with a “bubblebeard”.



▲ Eastern White-tailed Deer. Doe! [Doh!] I blinked!

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▲ Yellow-rumped Warbler, also known as a Butter Butt.



▲ American Toad.



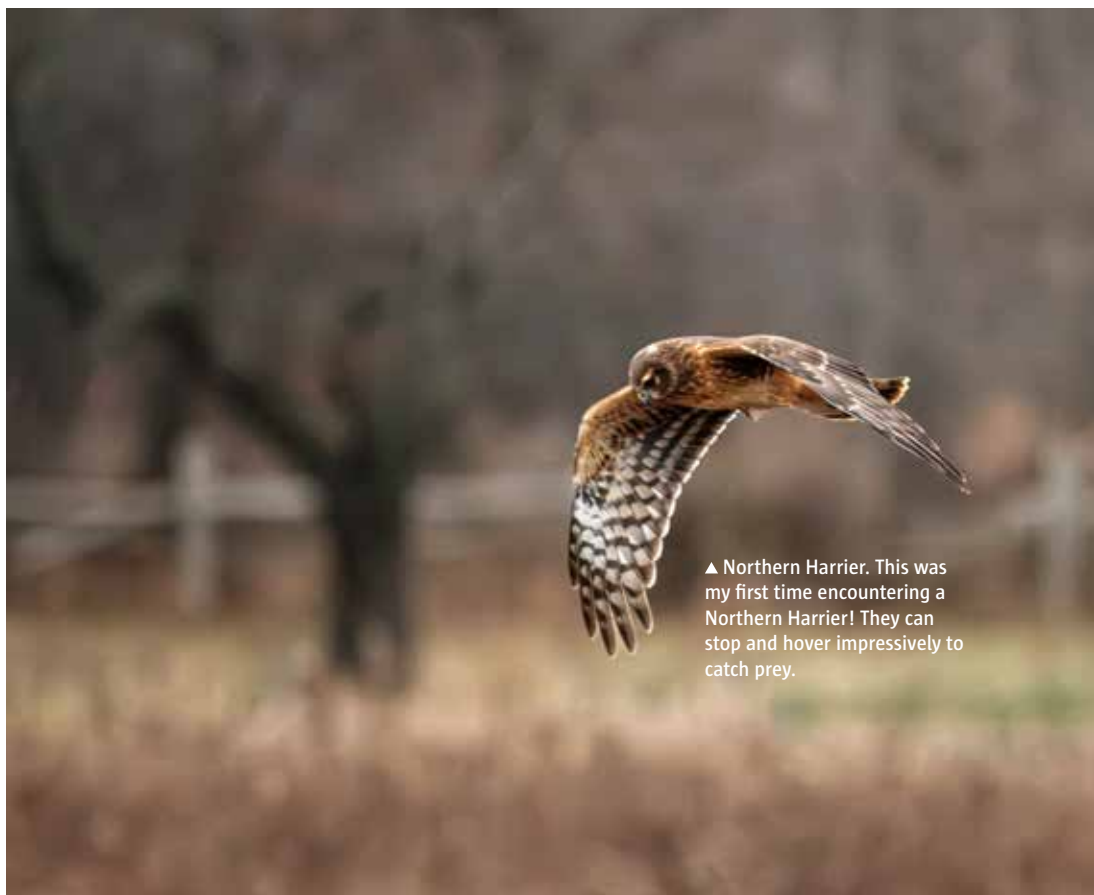
▲ Veery.



▲ Blue Dasher Dragonfly rests by a pond, a sign of a healthy ecosystem.



▲ Eastern Kingbird amongst the new spring growth.



▲ Northern Harrier. This was my first time encountering a Northern Harrier! They can stop and hover impressively to catch prey.

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