

Basic Butterfly Photography



Basic tips and tricks to photography
in the world of butterflies.

The Most Important Rule of Photography!

If you are not a professional photographer, dependent upon pleasing other people with your photos, the first rule of photography is simple ...

... please yourself!

This course is designed to give basic guidelines only and to help you with a few basics of butterfly photography.

Center Your Subject?

Which do you prefer?

The butterfly centered or to the side of the photo?

The general rule is 1/3 ...

... the subject of your photo should be 1/3 of the way in your photo.

Remember; beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

Please yourself first. It is YOUR photograph.



Tell Your Story

Which photo tells the story?

The top photo shows both the Veronica Bug and the butterfly but ...

... the bottom photo tells the story of the butterfly's death.



Using this photo, how can we edit it
to indicate movement ...
... coming, going, or just flying?



Is the butterfly coming or going or just flying?
The placement of the butterfly in your photo tells the story in your final edited photo.



Be Different!



Take an ordinary subject (below) and take photos from various angles.



Photograph an unusual subject such
as a soaking wet bumblebee ...



... or photograph
a 'usual' subject ...



... from
an unusual
angle.



Everyone takes photos of spiders from the top.

Look at it in the eyes
(or mouth) for a change!

This photo emphasizes the predator aspect; it looks quite fierce with a caterpillar in its jaws when photographed from this angle.



A caterpillar always
looks different than
expected when you
photograph its face.



Photograph from the normal side or top view
of a caterpillar but don't stop there ...

... try a new angle!





Photographs taken from more than one side of the subject.

Don't look at everything through your viewfinder in the same way as everyone else does!



Miniature Turk's Cap

Batface

Butterfly Bush

Salvia





Early morning sunrise
and dewdrops offer
opportunities which
are absent the rest of
the day!

Use an everyday object to illustrate size.
A piece of newspaper clearly reveals the size of a
Monarch egg and hatchling caterpillar.



Tomorrow's Topics



- Movement
Smile!
Photo Editing
Backgrounds
and more.