

# TUTORIAL SYNOPSIS



**Photoshop Basics for Birders** is a tutorial designed for the birder who is starting to realize that record shots are not enough, that his/her photos can look better than on the back of the camera, or simply, that poorly exposed captures with messy backgrounds can be improved a lot with a small help from this great photo processing tool. This is also a great short PS course for the already experienced photo processor who wants to improve his/her PS skills or simply just learn new tricks that can make processing easier. It is not a very technical-based tutorial, it is meant to be a very practical help to achieve great results.

This BASIC tutorial will cover:

- Basic settings and plug-ins on the program
- A guide for CROPPING better your photos
- How to SEPARATE in layers the bird from the background, and
- A guide for handling LIGHT and CONTRAST (focus on white balance, too bright/too dark scenarios, bright spots, dehazing, and selective color darkening/brightening)

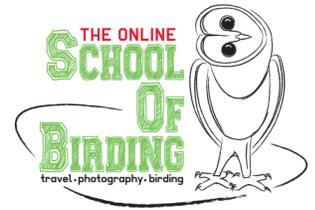
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A sequel tutorial to this one (PS Intermediate for Birders) will complement the current by teaching you noise reduction, sharpening, removing objects from the photo, and applying settings to multiple photos with only a few extra clicks.

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# ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR



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When not on the field, Andres is keen to jump into book publishing or digital teaching projects. He has already self-published various small bird field books for some regions of Ecuador and a comprehensive guide book to the common fauna of Ecuador with the Princeton University Press under the name "Wildlife of Ecuador".

Andrés has given several classes and talks on different topics related to avifauna, bird photography, and tourism in 3 different countries. His dream is to become a university professor in nature sciences when he is too old to lead tours around the globe, when his knees are in too much pain to climb steep hills after his beloved birds.

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