

CVPS Florida Photo Tour April 7 – 11, 2025



Join Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society (CVPS) and professional photographer **Jim Roetzel** for a Photo Tour to improve your bird photography and explore some of Florida's best bird locations. During the tour, we will capture numerous avian subjects (waders, raptors, ducks, songbirds, shorebirds) and build the skills necessary to create impactful images. Jim has deep experience with teaching and professional bird photography and will share his technical and artistic insight. Limited to 8 participants, this tour promises to be an immersive opportunity to elevate your photography skills while experiencing incredible natural areas and capturing beautiful bird images.

Shooting Locations

Jim will share his favorite spots near Titusville and Melbourne, including Merritt Island, Viera Wetlands, Orlando Wetlands, the state's best location for photographing Roseate Spoonbills, and more. Visit www.jimroetzel.com to see images from these locations.



Instructional Sessions

The tour will have a pre-trip session for participants to meet each other, cover trip logistics, and share tips on traveling with photo gear. The session will also cover bird photography skills, so you can arrive in Florida ready to make the most of your time. Jim will share techniques from his many years as an accomplished bird photographer (he's published over 4000 images, including two avian books by Twin Lights Publishers). He will teach skills for photographing birds in flight, best camera and lens settings, perfecting exposure of white birds, and you'll practice flight shots at a local area where he'll answer any questions you may have. On the tour, we'll maximize time in the field. Jim will be able to offer guidance and answer questions. After the tour, the group will convene to share images and Jim will share his favorite post-processing tips to make your bird photography stand out.

Tour Details

Our tour will begin Monday, April 7 at 6pm at our motel near Titusville, FL and conclude after our morning shoot on Friday, April 11 near Melbourne. We will be staying at two locations; info will be shared with participants. Participants are responsible for their own lodging, food, and transportation costs (we encourage car-sharing). To enjoy group camaraderie, we plan to share meals together at local restaurants whenever possible. We'd be happy to answer any questions or provide additional information; please email Jim at jimroetzel@gmail.com.



Participants should be experienced photographers who are comfortable with their gear and managing their images. However, they are not required to be accomplished bird photographers. Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop to download and process photos.



Registration and Tour Fee

\$695 for CVPS members (non-members can join at www.conservancyforcvnp.org/join)
Maximum participants: 8

**Participants should not make non-cancellable reservations (including airline tickets) until the trip is confirmed by CVPS. Confirmation will be made by March 15, based on the number of registrations. **

Register online: <https://CVPSFloridaPhotoTour.eventbrite.com>