

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.



Background

Choose your background carefully when possible.



The siding of the house is NOT an attractive background.

Choose a background color which will interact with your subject in the way you wish.

Do you want your subject to;

- blend or mesh with the background or
- stand out from the background?



Watch your colors!

- Contrast
- Compliment
- Or simply CLASH!



Which background draws your focus to these Pipevine Swallowtail eggs?

Your background color:

- Compliment your subject or
- Provide a contrast to emphasize your subject.



Note; eggs in these photos are not in focus; these photos are used for a demonstration of background color only.

Again, the background color changes the entire photo.



A busy background detracts
from your subject.



Which Background is Best?





A photo emphasizing camouflage needs the appropriate background to tell the story.

Tomorrow's Topic

Shadows & Focus

