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- The minimum resolution requirement is 300 pixels per inch. We prefer a photo to be at least 9” x 12” at this resolution. For best quality, shoot using low ISOs.
- Use file metadata to include photo credit (exactly as you wish it to appear), caption and copyright information, including positive identification of all animals and plants.
- Submit files with little or no sharpening or color correction. (This work must be done on our side, to optimize photos for process-color magazine printing. We calibrate our monitors to color keys provided by our printer, so we prefer receiving relatively untouched images.)
- Submit high-resolution JPEG files compatible with Macintosh OS X.
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