



ETHICAL NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

To wildlife, we are seen as predators. Our presence can cause harmful physiological and behavioral changes to the animals we are trying to photograph — unless we are careful with our behaviour.

We can prioritize nature by following these best practices:

- Learn about the natural behavior, habitat, and signs of stress for the species you will be photographing.
 - Be a naturalist as well as a nature photographer!
- Avoid getting too close. Use your longest telephoto lens and/or a teleconverter.
 - Don't do anything that would change an animal's natural behavior.
- Stay 100 meters from nests/dens and 2-3 bus lengths from large mammals.
 - Avoid using playback of bird calls.
 - Avoid baiting wildlife with food or lures.
- Never follow animals, startle them on purpose, or flush them from their cover.
 - Walk only on designated trails, taking nothing and leaving nothing.
 - For species-at-risk and threatened species: use special care, don't share locations, and consider not visiting/photographing them at all.
- Learn more — <https://tfngo.to/wildlifedisturbance>



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