

# *Nature Photography*



*A Tool for Naturalists*

# *Why Nature Photography?*

“If you are patient, you could see more things. If you are not patient, you could miss things. Like today we went to Adams Oaks and I almost missed deer tracks.” -- Emily, 5<sup>th</sup> grader



# *Why Nature Photography?*

- A record of your discoveries
- Scientific evidence
- Add photos to your journal
- Share discoveries with others
- Tell the story of your place
- It's fun!



Emma Rund, Jr. Friend

*First Step: Choose One Subject*





*Fill the Photo with Your Subject*



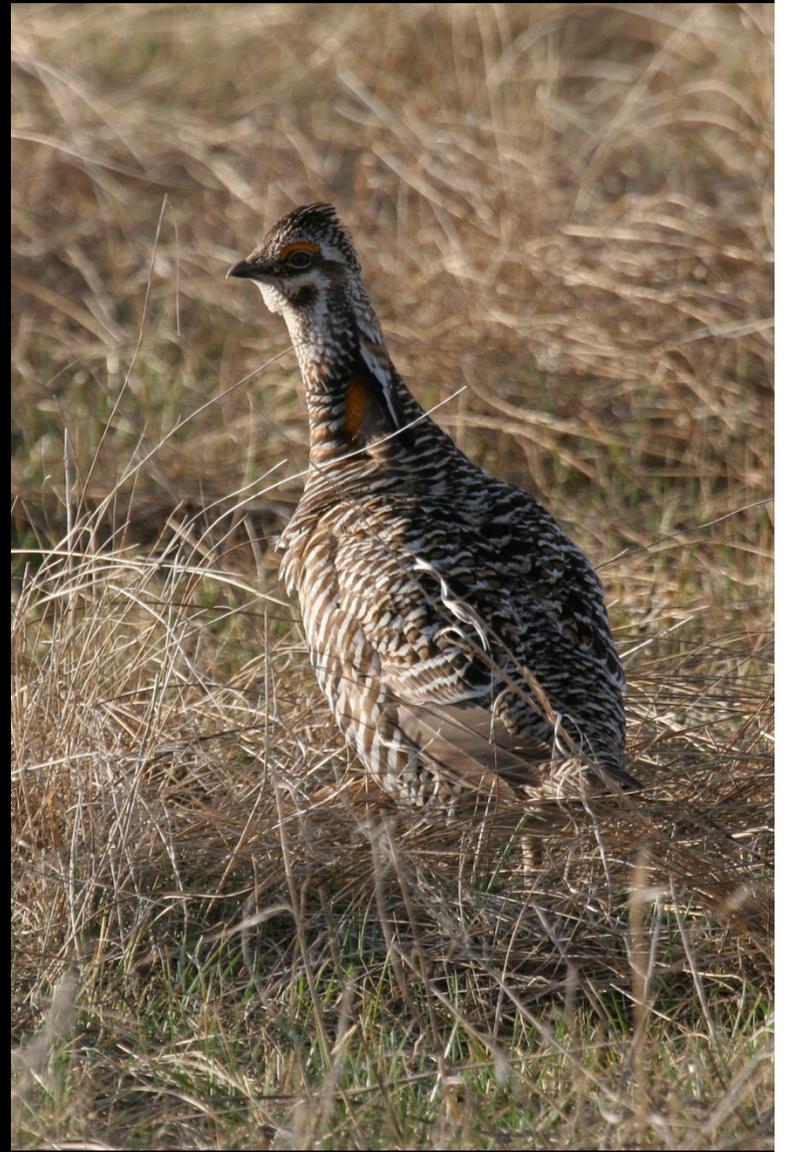
*Make Your Subject Easy to See*



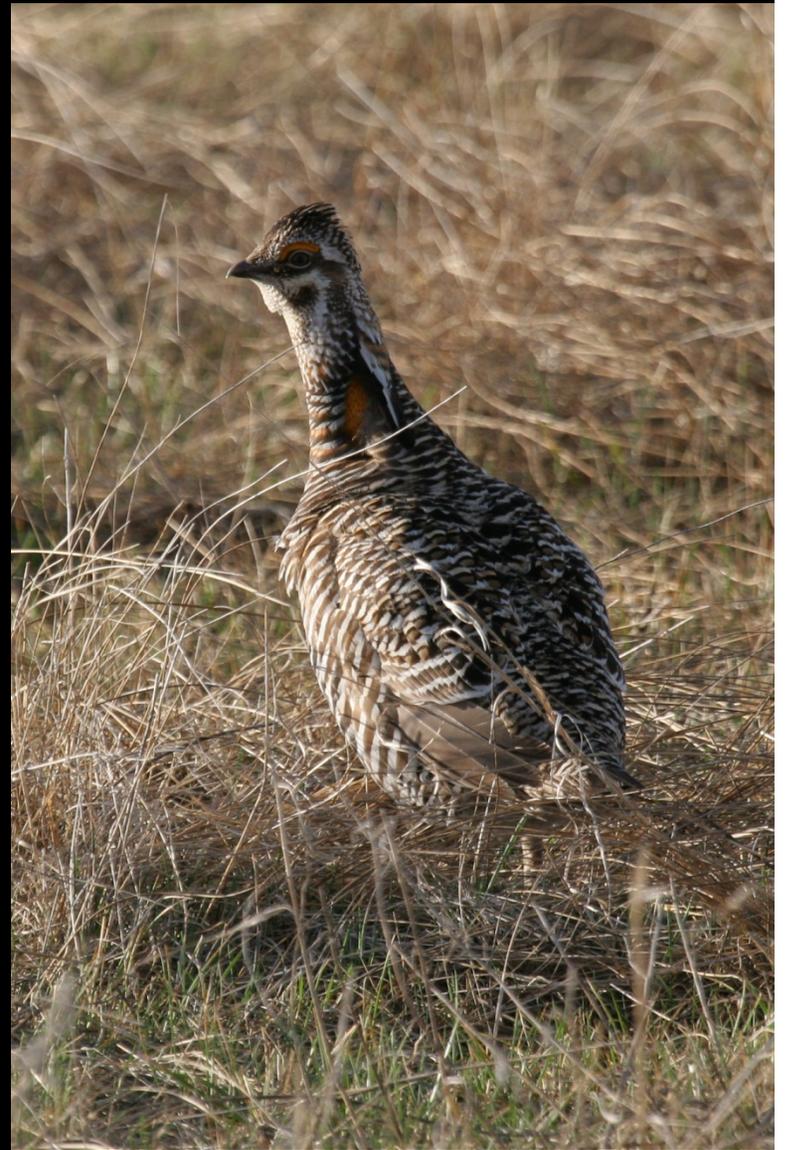
# *Turn the Camera*



# *Experiment*



*Horizontal or Vertical?*



*2<sup>nd</sup> Step:*

*Design Your Picture Carefully*



*Most People Aim for the Center*



# *The Bull's Eye*



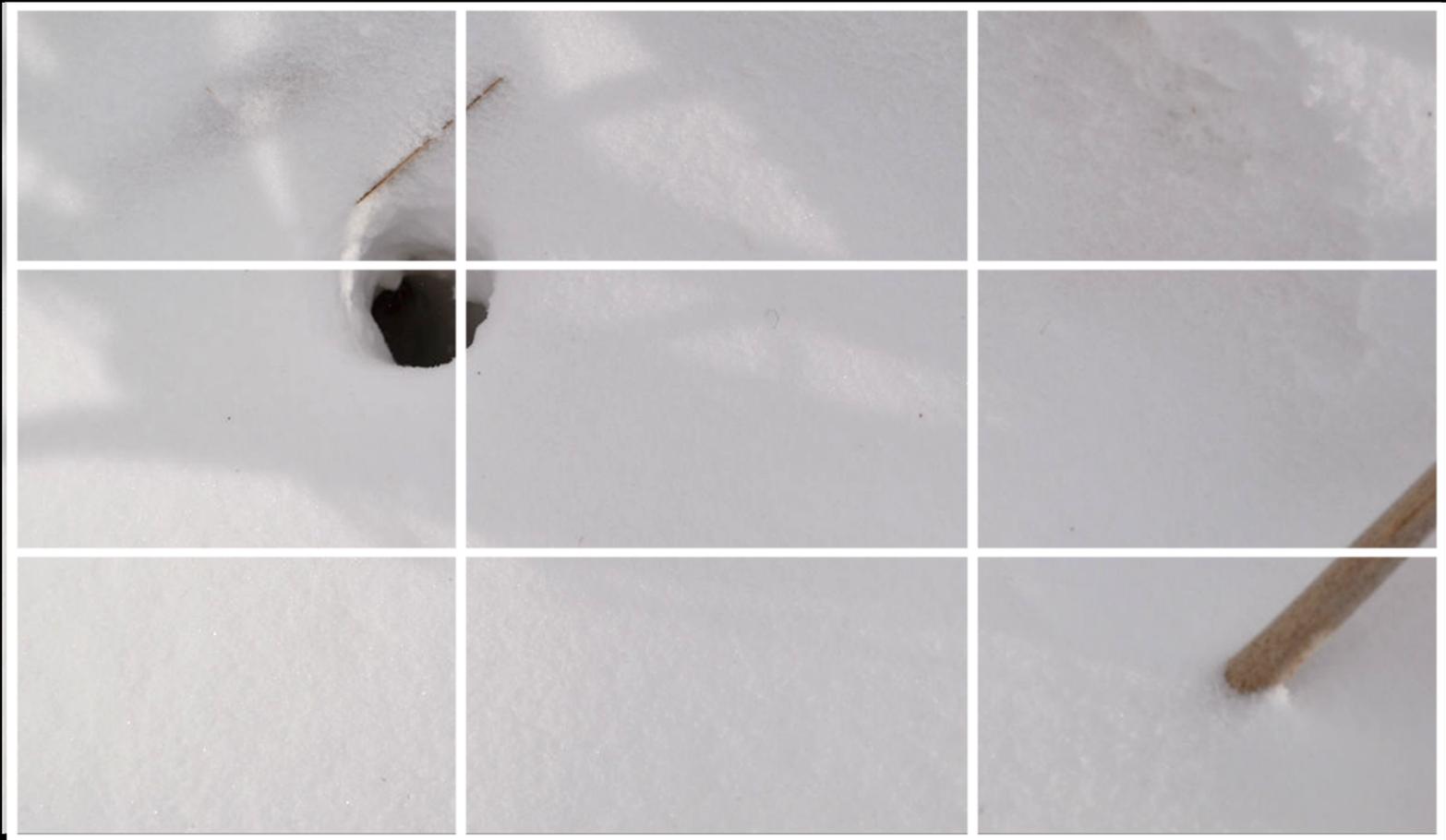
*No Bulls Eyes*



# *Rule of Thirds*

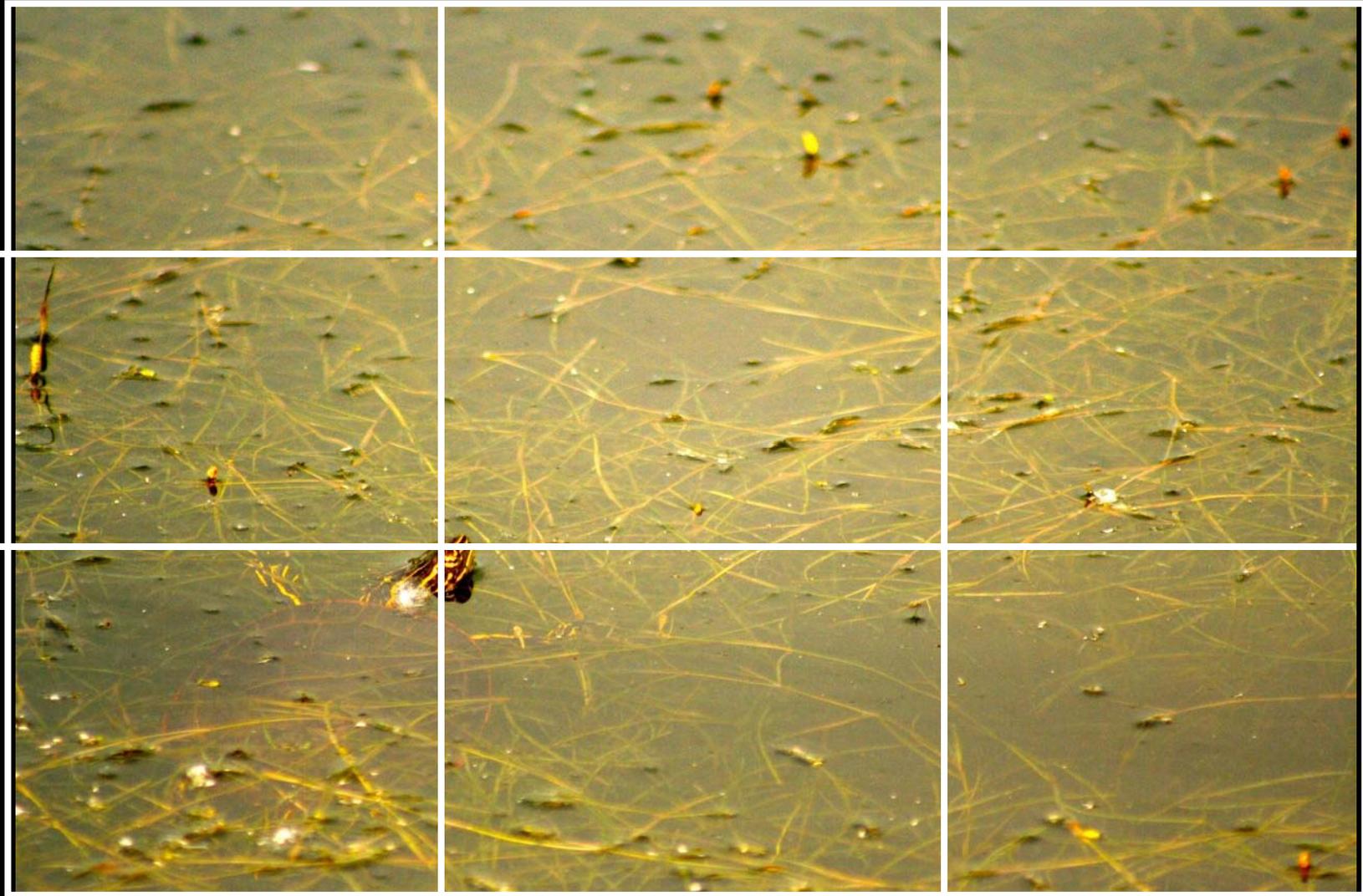


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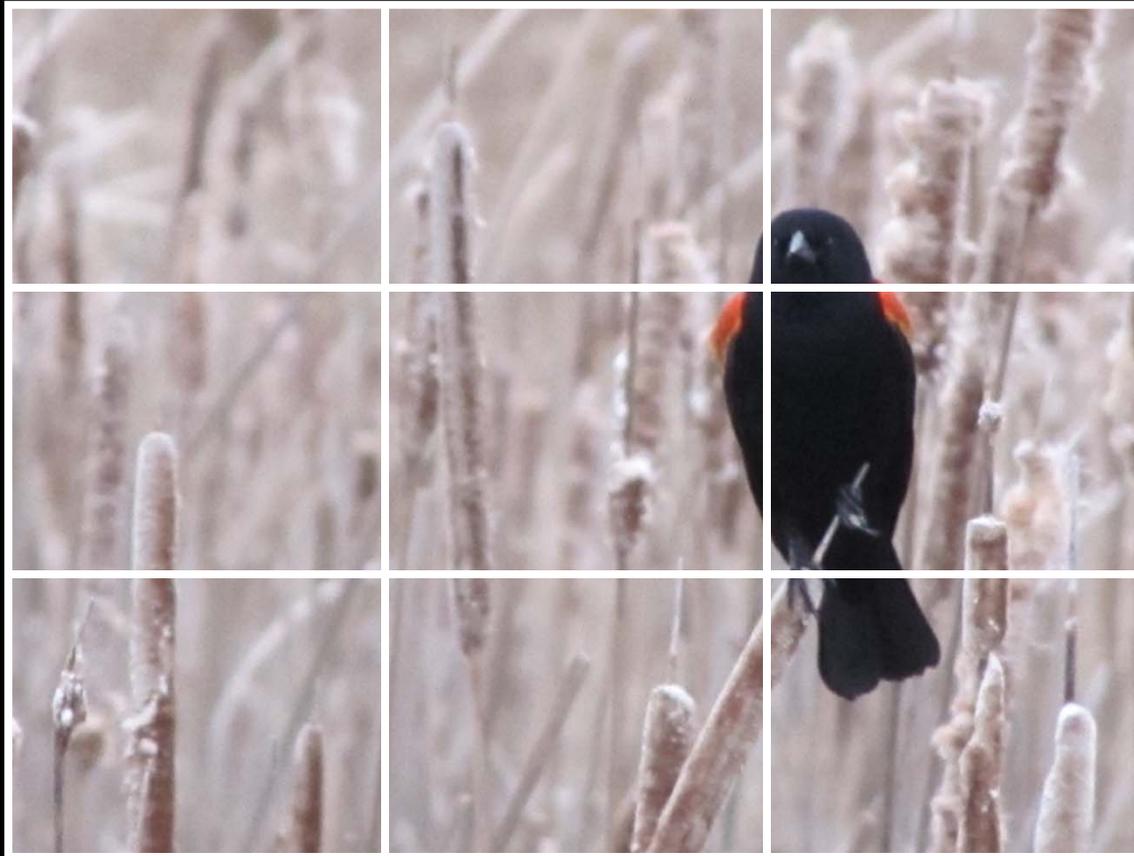


# *Rule of Thirds*





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*Search  
for  
Leading Lines*







*Leading Lines*





Leading Lines

*Try a Different View*





*Unusual  
Perspective*

# *Usual Perspective*



# *A Nasual Perspective*



# *Usual Perspective*



# *A Unusual Perspective*



# *A Nasual Perspective*



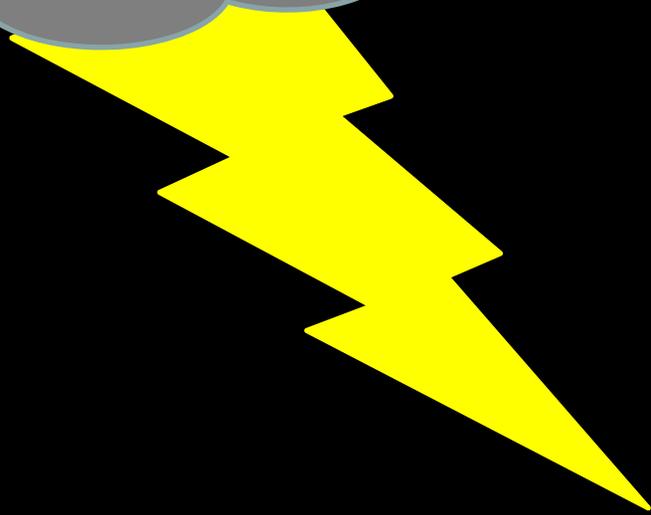
# *Usual Perspective*



# *An Unusual Perspective*



Shazam!





Shazam!

Bonus Tip!

*Spend lots of time outside*



*... with a camera!*





*A firefighter says he "just happened to be  
in the right place at the right time"  
... with his digital camera.*

Weasel photo by Emma Rund, Jr. Friend



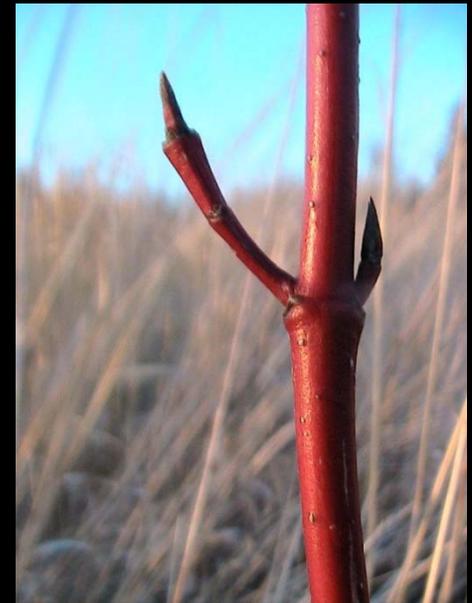
# *Remember...*

- **Choose One Subject**

- Turn the camera
- Fill the photo
- Make it easy to see

- **Compose Your Photo Carefully**

- Rule of Thirds
- Leading Lines
- Unusual Perspective



# *Thinking Question*

- How could nature photography make YOU a better **naturalist**?



# *A Better Naturalist*



- “It helps you with your **patience** and other naturalist traits because you have to wait for the perfect moment.” -- Aiden, 5<sup>th</sup> grader

# *A Better Naturalist*



- “It makes you be more **observant** because you have to look for a good subject. It makes you spend more **time outdoors** while you’re looking for a subject. It makes you be **patient** while looking for a subject.” -- Anders, 5<sup>th</sup>

# *A Better Naturalist*



“Photography can help you be a better naturalist because you have to be **patient, observant, and curious**. Photography also helps you **slow down** to **look** at things more closely and it helps your **sketching**.” – Lucas, 5<sup>th</sup> grader

# *A Better Naturalist*

“Nature photography helps you be a naturalist because it **slows** you down. It also helps you since it takes **concentration and patience**: both good naturalist traits. While you are taking pictures, you get more experience in the **outdoors.**”

-- Caleb, 5<sup>th</sup> grader

