

## REFLECTIONS

Thoughts on nature and the Christian faith - 9/23/19  
*"For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made." - Rom. 1:20*



This is one of my favorite birds, the green heron. These small herons are not readily seen since they are usually found stalking the edges of marshes and wetlands, concealed by the vegetation in which they hunt. When seen from a distance their coloration appears dull, but when viewed up close the colors really pop. This fellow gave me the honor of landing on a limb in the open and engaging in a truly remarkable behavior. Green herons are one of the few birds in the world that use tools. What do they do? They drop small sticks or insects in the water as bait to lure fish. And then they wait like this one is doing for the fish to rise to the surface before they strike. The time I spent photographing this little heron left me in awe of both its majesty and the majesty of the One who created it. As scripture rightly says, God's power and divine nature are clearly seen in the things He has made. One of the things I love about photography is that it forces me to see, to focus on the intricacies and complexities of the creatures I pursue in ways I never could do when I used to hunt. We are surrounded by marvels, testimonies to the goodness, artistry, and power of God. To ignore these wonders is to dishonor God. On that great day of reckoning, when we all will give account for the way we have lived our lives, there will be no excuse for not knowing that God exists or not giving Him the worship He deserves. The green herons will be among the witnesses against us if we try. - John