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Dear Mr. Porter

I am writing to find out if you give lessons in bird photography. If so could you please send me any information you have on them. If you do not have classes would you be willing to teach me some of the things you have learned.

I have spent a great deal of time in the Canadian Wilderness camping & hiking. In that time I have come to realize just how much a part of nature man really is and that by trying to separate his world from nature's man is not only killing himself but nature also.

Besides camping & hiking I have taken up photography and can do my own color printing. I would like to put my photographic knowledge and my love for nature together like you have done. Upon seeing the book "Birds of North America" a personal selection by you I realize how much more there is for me to learn.

If you do not have classes I would like to spend as much time as possible with you learning the technical aspects of photography and how you get your shots. If you think this is possible and that you would like to see some of my work first please let me know.

Sincerely
Ted Sweetser.