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## Nature Photography of Georgia, Where and When to Go

Tom began photography at age 40 stemming from a lifelong love of nature and the outdoor. Tom has provided numerous images to the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area that illustrate his commitment to artistic presentation and his responsiveness to many organizations to build a community of support for our river and our national park. Other organizations for whom he has provided photographs include the Chattahoochee River keeper, Chattahoochee Parks Conservancy, Georgia river Network, the Atlanta Audubon Society, and the Nature Conservancy. Hs work has appeared in the Blue Ridge Country magazine, the Atlanta Magazine, National Geographic Maps, Environmental Monitor, Southern Exposure Magazine, the Nature Conservancy Magazine, and North Fulton Living. His work has appeared in numerous calendars and web sites and a few years ago his photographs were on the MARTA buses and billboards throughout Atlanta in support of the Chattahoochee River "Healthy Parks" Campaign. His works have also appeared in many public places including the Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and the Chattahoochee River national headquarters.

He has won numerous awards including Photographer of the Year for the Roswell Photo Society, Travel Photographers Network Image of the Year, and the very prestigious "All Time Winner" from Better Photos contest in 2016. He is a very strong advocate for nature and opportunities to protect and preserve our natural works. He recently retired from a 33-year career as an executive with the Boy Scouts of America and is currently working on project with the Kennesaw National Battlefield Park and the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area to update their photographic library. His other interests include hiking, amateur astronomy and just about anything that puts him outside.



