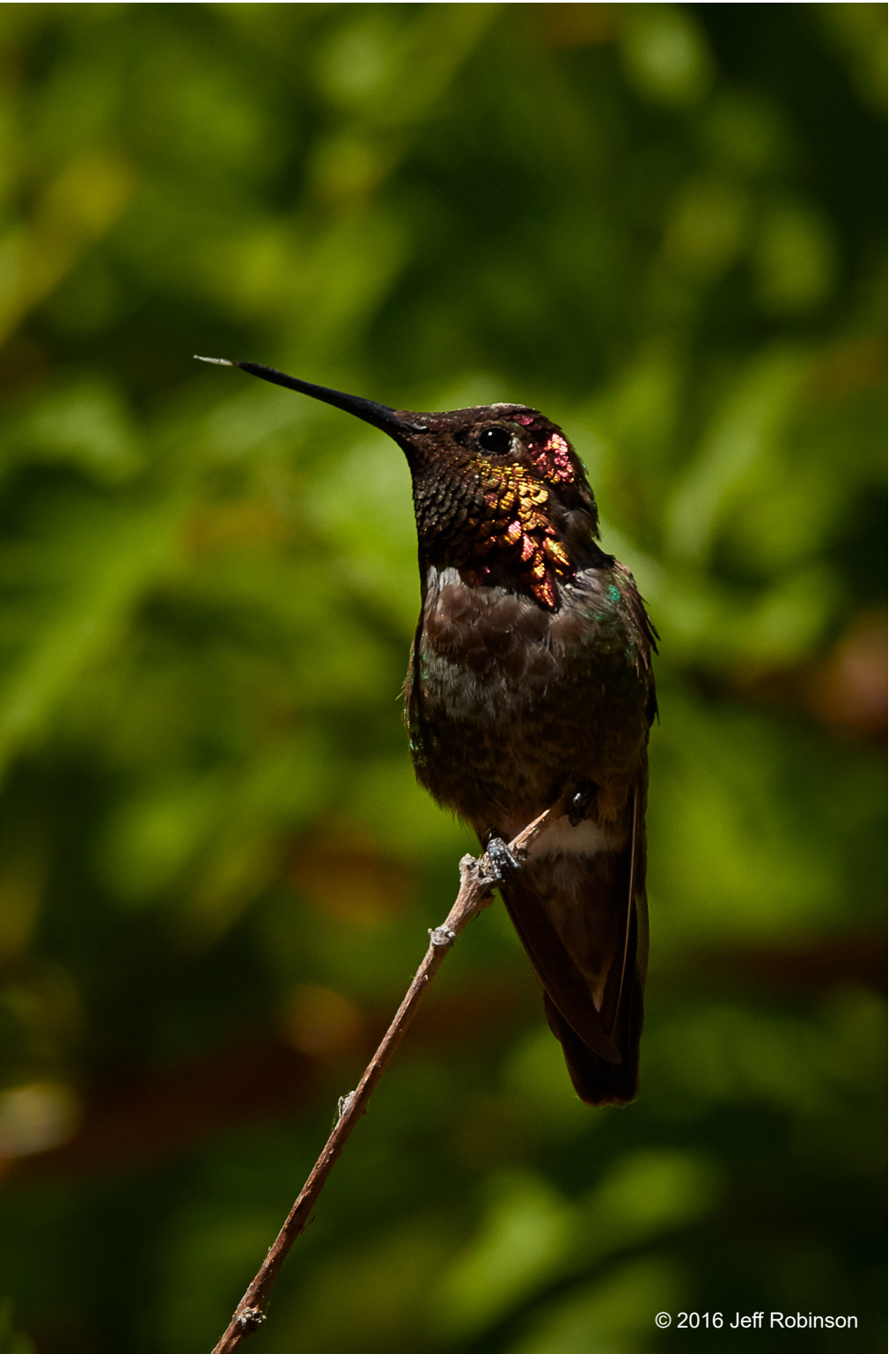
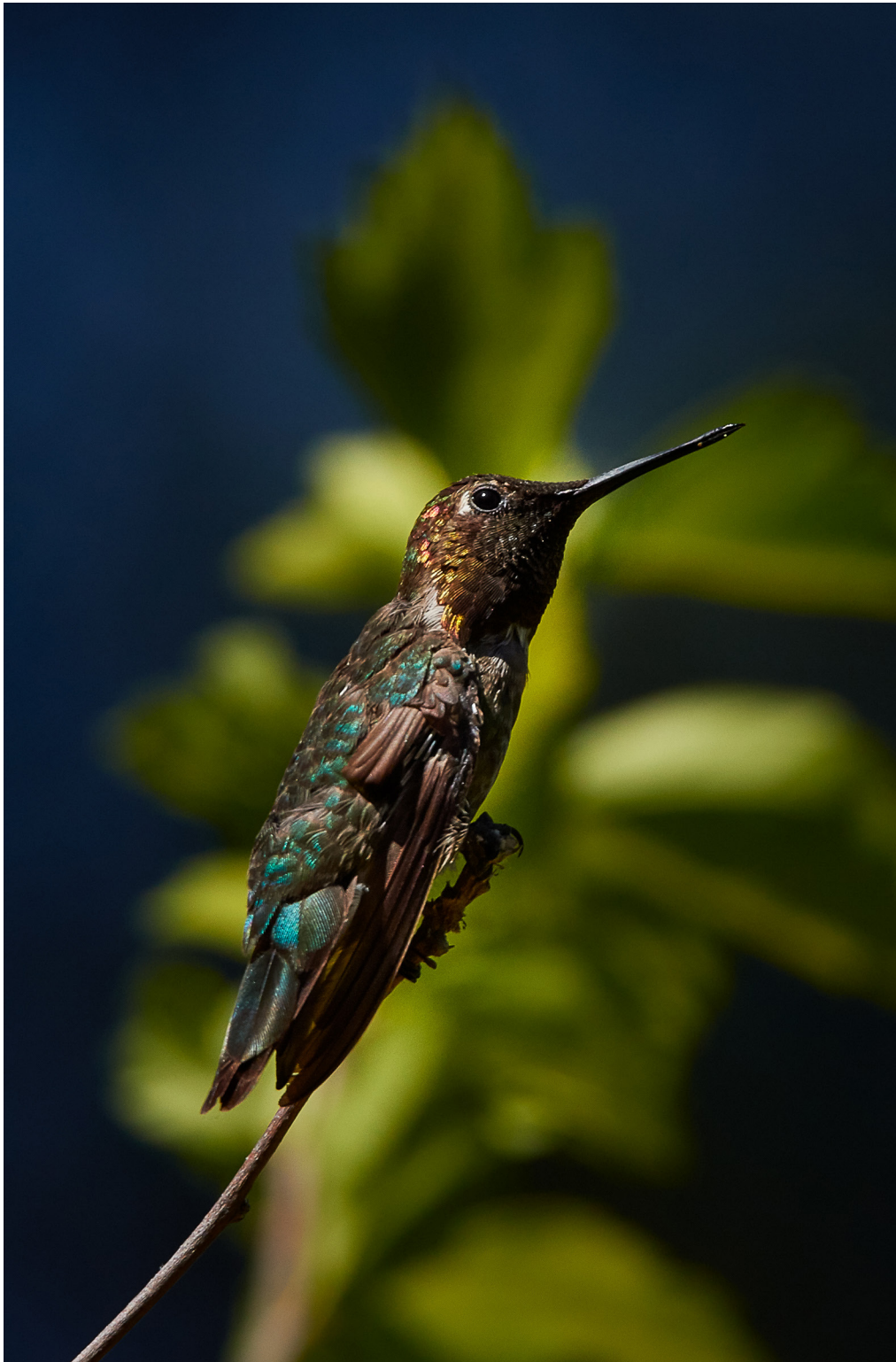




2017

Death Valley and Shingle Springs

Eureka Dunes
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Anna's Hummingbird

The colors of a hummingbird's feathers change depending on the angle you view them from. They can appear as greens, golds, or vivid magenta. These two photos are of the same hummingbird taken less than 1 minute apart.
(6/10/2016, Shingle Springs, CA)

January 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Year's Day 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday 16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				





Canada Goose and Goslings

Unlike most songbirds, goslings are not fed by their parents. They hatch able to eat and swim. This is the fifth year this mother goose has nested on the roof of our horse paddock. The day after they hatch, the goslings jump 10 feet from the roof onto the ground to start feeding and walking to the lake. This photo was taken minutes after they started swimming, less than an hour after they left their nest.

(3/23/2016, Shingle Springs, CA)

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="font-size: small;"> <p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28</p> </div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;"> March 2017 </div> <div style="font-size: small;"> <p>APRIL</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p>30</p> </div> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Daylight Saving Begins					St. Patrick's Day	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Spring (3:30 AM PDT)					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Eureka Dunes

Many people think of the desert as mostly lifeless, but water makes it spring to life. We visited Eureka Dunes soon after a rain, and found many parts of it covered with tiny seedlings with 2 leaves each. We returned 2 days later, and found that the little seedlings now had 4 leaves each.

(3/10/2016, Death Valley National Park, CA)

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="font-size: small;"> <p>MARCH</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30 31</p> </div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">April 2017</div> <div style="font-size: small;"> <p>MAY</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30 31</p> </div> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						April Fool's Day 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	Tax Day 15
Easter Sunday 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						





Fiddleneck and Oak Trees

We saw gold on the hills from miles away, and originally thought they were covered with California Poppies. It wasn't until we got up close that we realized the gold was all from fiddleneck (*Amsinckia*).
(3/12/2016, Caliente, CA)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Father's Day		Summer (9:25 PM PDT)				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



Male Bullock's Oriole

The male Bullock's Oriole is one of the most colorful birds I have seen in California. It's rare that I see them, but every several years I spot one feeding in the spring on the nectar of the Red Hot Pokers (flowers) that grow in my front yard.
(5/4/2016, Shingle Springs, CA)

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="font-size: small;"> <p>JUNE</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30</p> </div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">July 2017</div> <div style="font-size: small;"> <p>AUGUST</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30 31</p> </div> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	Independence Day	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Eureka Dunes

The wind is constantly shifting sand dunes around: removing footprints, creating ripples, and moving ridges.
 If you look closely, you can see the sand blowing off of the upper-right ridge.
 (3/10/2016, Death Valley National Park, CA)

August 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

JULY
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 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
 16 17 18 19 20 21 22
 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
 30 31

SEPTEMBER
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 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
 17 18 19 20 21 22 23
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Male Western Bluebird

As is common in the bird world, the male Western Bluebird has much more vivid colors than the female.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	Labor Day					
	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	Patriot Day					
	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	Fall (1:03 PM PDT)	22
	23					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30







Eureka Dunes

Something about human nature makes us want to climb to the highest point we can find...
 (3/10/2016, Death Valley National Park, CA)

NOVEMBER		December 2017					JANUARY 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4				1	2	3	4	5	6	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	28	29	30			28	29	30	31			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
					1	2							
				Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day									
3	4	5	6	7	8	9							
10	11	12	13	14	15	16							
				Winter (8:29 AM PST)									
17	18	19	20	21	22	23							
	Christmas												
24	25	26	27	28	29	30							
31													



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Sunrise

(6/16/2016, Shingle Springs, CA)