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This is another image from our trip to West Texas; specifically Big Bend National Park.

The most obvious element of the image is the bird. I know, I am in a rut with birds. But this time the bird is a raptor, a Red-Tailed Hawk. This is the most common raptor in North and Central America with a range from northern Canada to Panama. They like to sit on high perches in open areas to spot its prey, with eyesight eight times better than human's, so we don't see them in the forests very often. There is a nice website at http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/Red-tailed_Hawk.html with a lot of detailed info about Red-Tailed Hawks.

I mentioned that the hawks like to perch on a high point. If you look around the image, that Yucca plant is the highest thing there. In this desert region, there were not many plants higher than four feet and nothing higher than ten feet. Not a lot of greenery.

The hills in the background are Mexico.

The horizontal hill near the middle of the image is a 100 foot high cliff, and the Rio Grande river runs along the lower edge. This rock formation ran along a straight line for as far as you could see. I assume this was created as a geological plate was pushed up as the result of huge underground forces. Everything on our side was flat. I couldn't see over the upper ledge, but the hills behind it don't seem very flat.

This is a very fascinating area with lots of different things for a boy from PA.

Did I mention that this picture was taken by our lovely and talented Christine! Fantastic!

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Our next Art & Craft show will be at Chestnut Hill "Fall for the Arts", Philadelphia PA, on October 12. "Everyone is invited to enjoy a day of art, music, culinary delights and boutique shopping as Germantown Avenue, between Willow Grove and Rex Avenues is transformed into an outdoor arts and crafts marketplace." 150 artists will be displaying their crafts. I have been told by other artists that this is a high-end fine art show, with a lot of really nice stuff and relaxed atmosphere. Check it out at <http://www.chestnuthillpa.com/FallForTheArts.aspx> where there is info and maps.

I have been working hard mounting and framing prints. We have experimenting with antique (old) picture frames, and the responses have been enthusiastic. They really look great. And it seems that people really prefer their pictures mounted and framed. It takes me years to figure these things out.

The Creator's Fingerprints

Doug Haas Nature Photography

Nature is so incredibly diverse, interweaving soft textures with rough elements, adding a splash of color amid dull backgrounds, bold designs among camouflage and secrecy. The variety of shapes and patterns seem limitless. And it all coexists and fits together seamlessly. Often inspiring, mysterious beyond rational explanation, we look to nature to understand our place in the universe, to realize we are part of an incredible, intelligent design.

But much of this beauty goes unseen and unappreciated. My wife Chris and I are always looking for those special images which most people just walk past. It is not necessary to visit exotic far off places. Many stunning images are right in our backyard. We especially marvel over the tiny or insignificant; fungi, centipedes, or fallen autumn leaves. Using our macro lens, close up photos of the ordinary shows detail that is dramatic or vibrant. Then looking across the large panoramic overlooks we drink in the immensity of our surroundings. And we are always looking for the unusual, odd and often fantastic scenes. We love to be artistically moody or abstract, offering prints which are beautiful and interesting.

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