

Photography A to Z
No. 1



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A Airliner



This airliner flew into our Ottawa sky one August afternoon.
I had time to get off just one shot and
then it was gone.

B **Back Yard**



A Back Yard, resplendent with lilies once tended by a Newfoundland family, returns to nature.

C **Clouds**



Angry clouds scud over Almonte, Ontario

D
Daddy Longlegs
Common Harvestmen
(Phalangium opilio)



Arachnids yes, but spiders, no - they are called Harvestmen. They do not spin webs nor are they venomous. Fossil specimens have been dated to 410 million years ago.

E
European Skipper
Butterflies
(*Thymelicus lineola*)



Skippers arrived in North America about a century ago, and have since evolved into some 250 species. They are so named because of their rapid, erratic flight patterns. Photographed one sunny morning along the Pinecrest Creek Parkway, Ottawa, Ontario.

F Feather



A feather, as yet unidentified, resting elegantly on a submerged rock in Fairy Lake, Newmarket, Ontario.

G
Grass



H
Hibiscus
Rose of Sharon



I Impatiens

New Guinea *hybrida* (*I. Hawkeri*)



J Jackknife



The earliest known jackknife, aka pocket knife, dates to at least the early Iron Age. A pocket knife with bone handle was found at Hallstatt (i.e. Celtic), dating to around 600-500 BC. Iberian folding-blade knives made by indigenous artisans and craftsmen and dating to the pre-Roman era, have been found in Spain.
(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pocket_knife).

This particular jackknife is not so old; it has had a home in my toolbox only since the 1960s.

K Knot



L Lichens (Cladonia)



Cladonia is a primary source of food for caribou and reindeer *and* reindeer herders such as the Sami in Scandinavia, and the Nenets in Russia. I discovered this cluster in a meadow on the outskirts of Almonte, Ontario. There was neither Sami nor Nenets in sight.

M
Machine
(et nucis fulminandum)



According to several sources, Nuts and Bolts do not constitute a Machine; the screw is a machine. Since I have never photographed a screw, this nut and bolt will have to do.

N
Norfolk Hawker
Dragon Fly
Aeshna isosceles



O Ottawa River



The Ottawa River is just beyond the picnic table and under the ice.
Quebec is across the way.

P People



While on my way to St. John's, Newfoundland, in May of 1960, I spent a few days in Montreal with Anthony Ianuziolo, one of my octogenarian friends. Early on the Sunday morning, I took a walk and came across this chap resting.

Q

Quidi Vidi Village

Sort of around the corner from St. John's, Newfoundland



This, let me assure you, is *not* the village; it is *part* of the village. The Village is named for both Quidi Vidi Lake and Quidi Vidi Harbour - known locally as "The Gut" (where I took this photo in 1971). Also in the village is the Quidi Vidi Battery Provincial Historic Site, which saw action during the war of 1812.

The Atlantic Ocean is about 100 yards to the left.

(more at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quidi_Vidi)

R

Rear Window

(Shopping)



Literally, the rear window of a century-old, red-brick home in the residential neighborhood of an Ontario town about half way between Ottawa and Newmarket.

S
Sedum Stonecrop
(*Sedum acre*)



Sedum is a genus of flowering succulent plants called stonecrops, some 600 species of which grow around the Northern Hemisphere. The leaves and stems of succulents store water which can be drawn upon during dry spells. I first noticed these remarkably alluring specimens thriving in thin soil-over-shale in the Britannia Woods, on the western outskirts of Ottawa.

The rain drops provide some idea of the size of the tiny blossoms.

T Tree



U Umbrella



I've never had cause to photograph an umbrella and thus had to take one for this occasion. It is an Umbrella Without a Cause.

V Vine Grips



A creeper firmly attached to the fence around our back yard.

WESTOVER HOT L



Westover Hotel, Sherbourne St., Toronto, Ontario, 1959.

X Xylophone



The name 'xylophone' comes from two Greek words: xylon, meaning 'wood,' and phone, meaning 'voice.' Scholars don't agree on the exact origins of the xylophone, but most agree that it originated in Asia and/or Africa, perhaps independently. It was originally made from pieces of wood placed on gourds and hit with spoons.

(My thanks to a bemused music shop manager in downtown Ottawa.)

https://www.google.ca/search?q=xylophone+history&rlz=1C1LDJZ_enCA498CA510&oq=xylophone+history&aqs=chrome..69i57.7614j0j8&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

Y
Yellow Hawkweed
(*Hieracium caespitosum*)



A Midge flew in for the shoot.

Z

Zinnia



I don't have a Zinnia photo so I borrowed one from Wikipedia.
This one came complete with a Bumble Bee.
<http://www.flowermeaning.com/zinnia-flower-meaning/>



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