

Roll: **20240901-59849**

Camera: **Canon EOS 5D Mark III: E53**

Film: **Full frame digital 22MP**

Subject:

Mallard Ducks

Notes:

I have been reading about, and watching videos on the use of different tripod heads, primarily for bird watching. I would very much like a good quality gimbal head but I cannot justify the expense for amount of bird pictures I take. The cheaper ones seemed so flawed I suspect it might be a wasteful experiment. I dream of travelling in a camper van to remote locations in Britain and elsewhere and capturing stunning images which I process overnight in the van. I think it's probably just another pipe dream. In the meantime I have started to try using the ball head that have employing techniques suggested in those videos. Coupled with that I am also experimenting with continuous shooting with servo follow focus.

The Grantham canal is completely dry below Gamston lock down to the river. I met a volunteer for the Canal & River Trust in the car park at Morrisons and he suggested that the problem is that the linings of the canal are broken and the water is leaking away. This makes no sense to me as the water goes away for months at a time and then returns more quickly than it went, I can not see how the linings sometimes work and at other times do not.

I suggested that the problem was possibly extraction, probably by farmers trying to cut their irrigation costs. The chap agreed that this could be the problem but they would need to hire experts, that they cannot afford, to prove it to be the case. But I digress.

I took the kit in the car up to Buckfast Way and then used the trolley up to lock.

The experiment went exceptionally well, so well in fact that I ended up with far too many pictures, ninety odd, and it was hard to prune the number down. I was glad to have the CF card as the SDHC cards I don't think could have kept up. As CF cards seem to be on the wane I do hope that much faster SDHC technology has been developed.

All the birds are Mallards. The drakes are in their "eclipse" plumage which I discover means the end of the breeding season has passed. I also note that it is the ducks, IE the females that do the quacking.

Dates:

Dates and times are verified from original exif data.

Frames:

F47B9254 20240901 11:13:10 Mallard drake.
F47B9256 20240901 11:13:19 Mallard drake.
F47B9258 20240901 11:14:29 Mallard drake.
F47B9259 20240901 11:18:16 Mallard drake.
F47B9260 20240901 11:18:19 Mallard.
F47B9262 20240901 11:18:37 Mallard.
F47B9263 20240901 11:18:40 Mallard.
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F47B9265 20240901 11:18:45 Mallard.
F47B9266 20240901 11:22:23 Mallard pair.
F47B9268 20240901 11:22:46 Mallard.
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F47B9256 - Mallard drake.



F47B9260 - Mallard.



F47B9263 - Mallard.



F47B9266 - Mallard pair.



F47B9271 - Mallard.



F47B9274 - Mallard.



F47B9275 - Mallard.



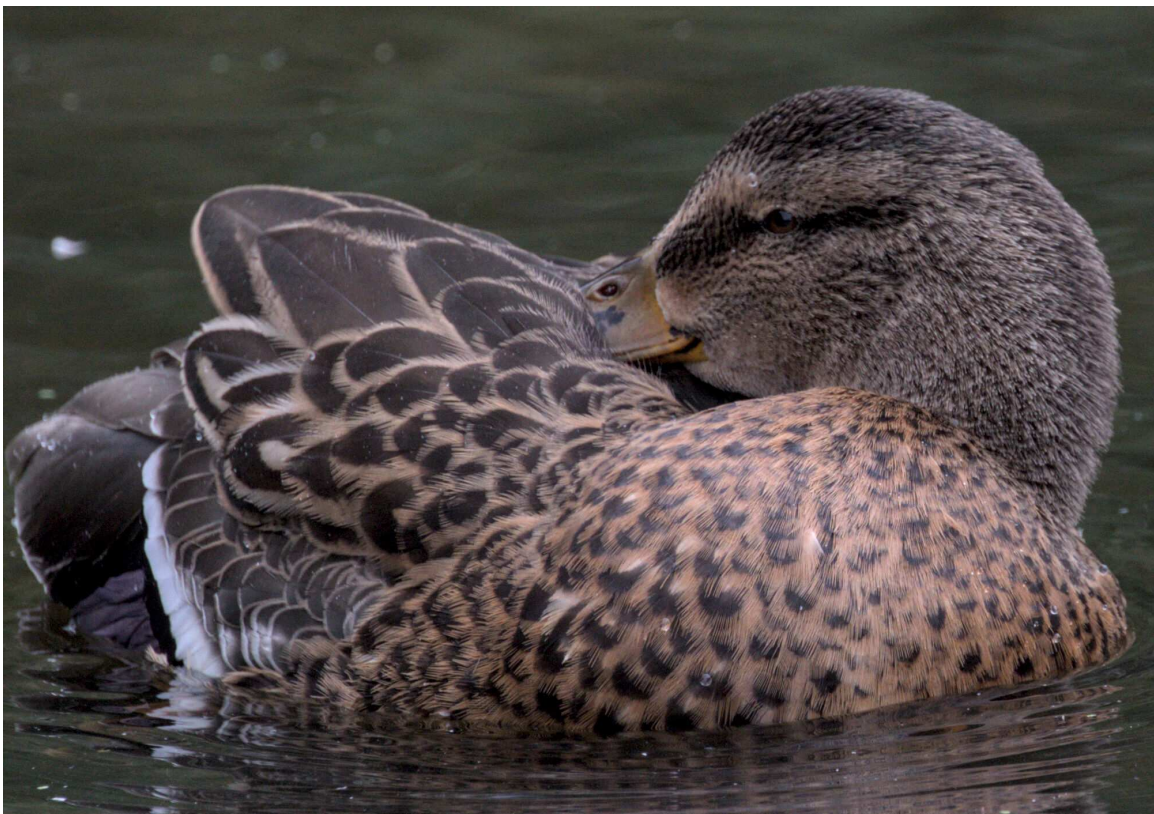
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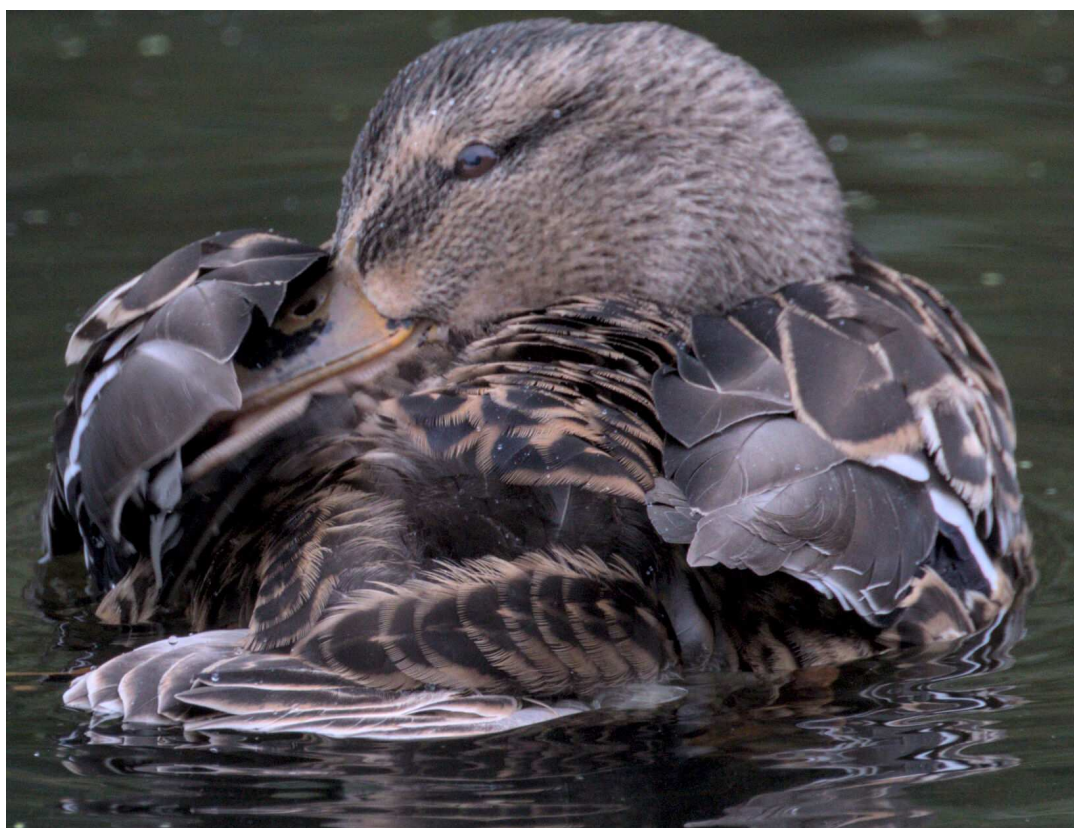
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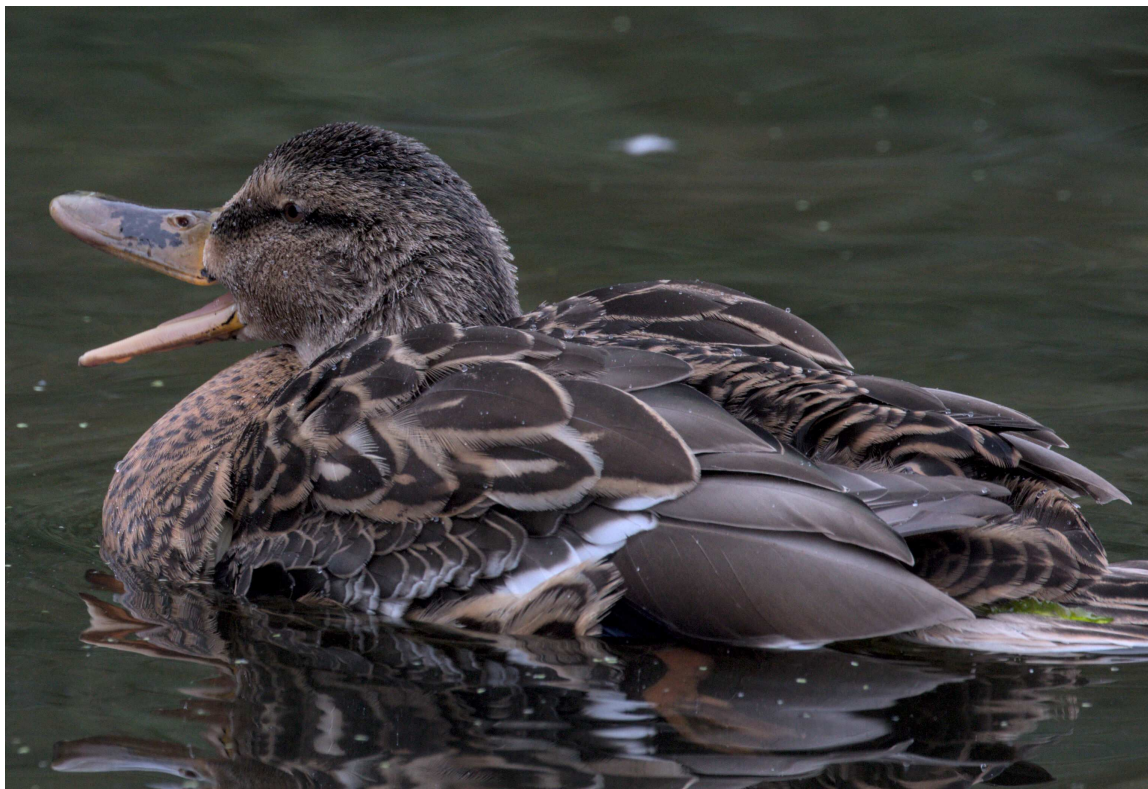
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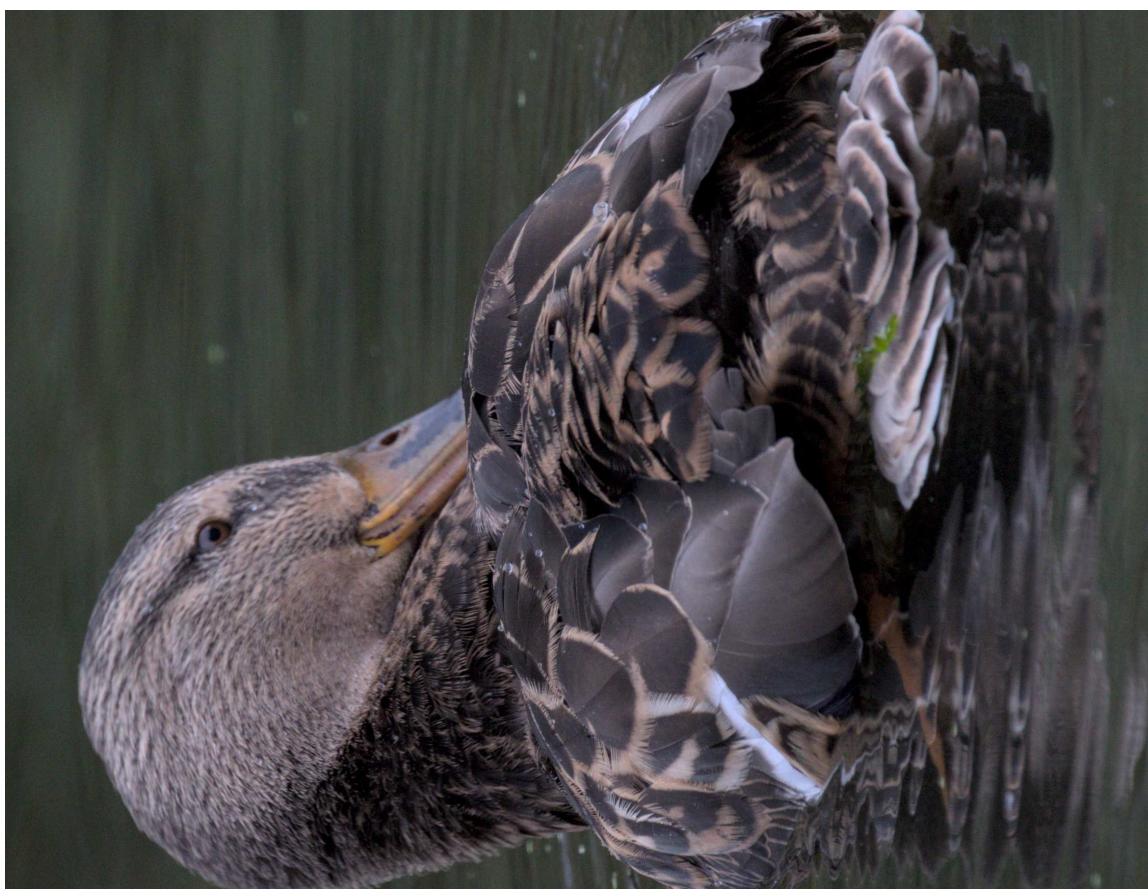
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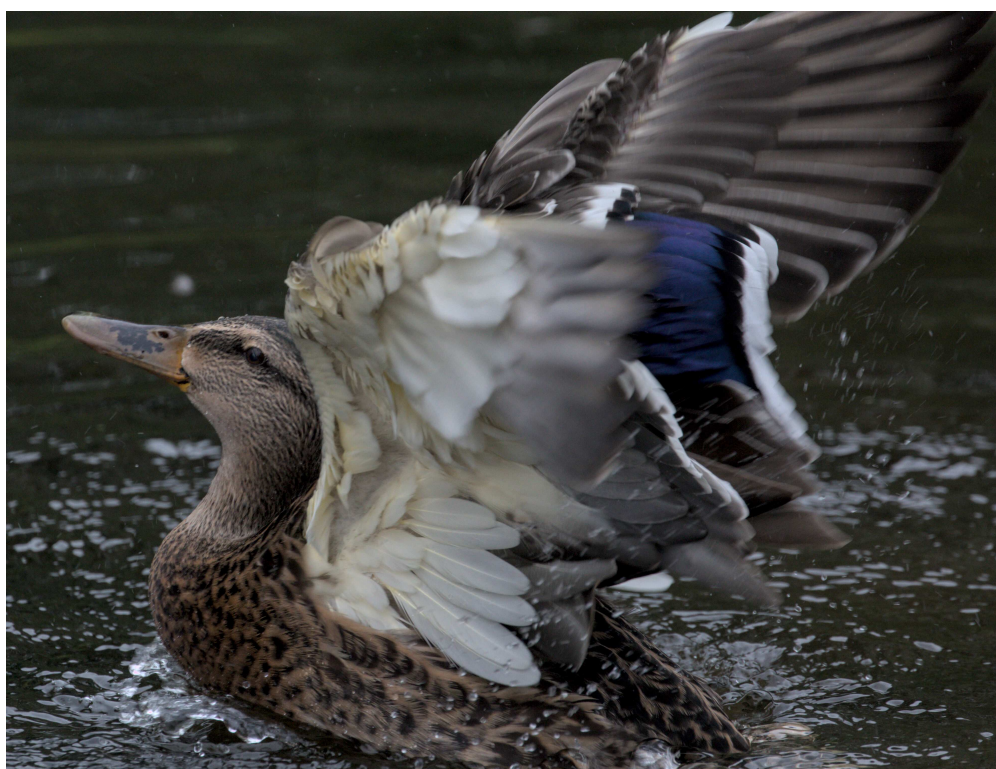
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