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## **Cellphone Camera**

Late October in London is not the most propitious time for photographing birds in the city parks. Carrying my camera and a heavy telephoto lens seems like a wasted effort when there is very little to shoot. So, the question is what to do when you do see a bird and your camera is in the hotel room? The solution, of course, is to use your cellphone.

A family of great white pelicans is part of the collection in St. James Park. There are signs all around asking tourists not to feed the wildlife. The signs are frequently ignored, but I have never seen anyone sneak a fish to one of these majestic birds.



Starlings are plentiful in Hyde Park. This bird landed on the back of a chair at my table. It would be understandable if I were eating something they might like, but I wasn't. This bird patiently watched me drink my English Breakfast tea.

I'm pleased with the sharpness and detail my cell phone provides. Additionally, none of the pictures in this weekly bird have been processed.





The great tit flew into the Hyde Park Rose Garden, and I was prepared with my cellphone camera.

The three pictures were taken with a Samsung S24 Ultra. The pictures were resized from 4.5MB to 1MB.

If you would like to see your photographs highlighted here, send one or two pictures with a short paragraph to Sandy Sorkin & Rick Wright at MontclairBirdClub100@gmail.com.



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