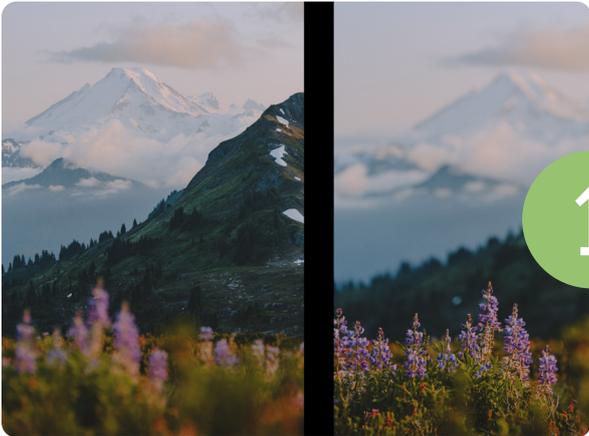


# Want to make nature images like Mio Monasch?

Here are the three key takeaways from his Create With Me video



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## Explore depth-of-field

There are many ways to shift one's perspective, but Mio suggests adjusting your focal point. At wider apertures, a shallow depth-of-field is a given – but where will you choose to direct the viewer?

In this side-by-side comparison, composition is virtually identical. However, two drastically different stories are being told, all thanks to a change in focus. Neither is objectively better or worse than the other. It's all about offering a personal telling of a scene.

While you may be used to focus stacking in your nature photography, give Mio's advice a try, and let some areas fall away into softness. You'll discover just how impactful it can be.

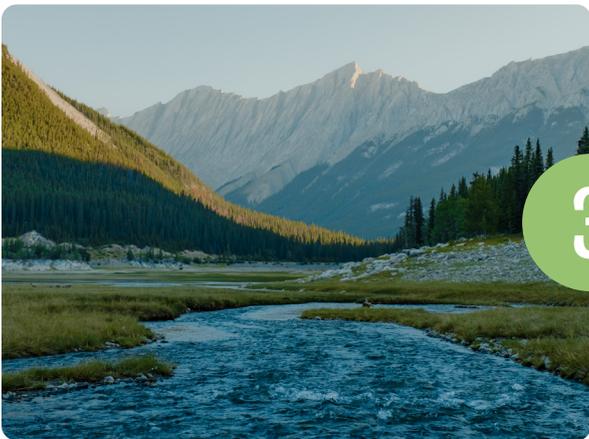


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## Include wildlife

As Mio notes in his video, overlooking wildlife means missing some of nature's most tender moments. Just like humans, animals will often demonstrate their love for each other and the world around them in heartwarming ways. If you have the patience and skills to document them well, you're guaranteed a special frame.

"I took about 700 photographs of these foxes doing pretty much nothing before this moment occurred," Mio recalls. He also recommends a tripod, long lens, fast shutter speed, burst mode, and preset focus point, as key building blocks for success.



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## Live the moment

Mio's final piece of advice is his most important, he explains. He urges you to enjoy the journey, rather than resolutely hunt photo opportunities.

This serene image was created during a solo walk in the Canadian Rockies. After visiting a few more populous photography spots with limited success, Mio decided to step off the beaten path and focus on enjoying the warm, dewy morning. Soon, he heard a flowing stream and went to investigate. He discovered a gorgeous landscape composition, and documented the scene – but not before taking a few moments to soak in the majesty of what lay before him.

Sometimes pre-planned images just don't pan out. So, let your senses be the guide. You never know what you'll find.

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