

CREATE A NEW SKY

Review of changing the sky: we talked about simulating a GND filter (See Jan Kabili quicktime movie) There is another way to change the sky, which is to copy a sky from one image and paste it into another one:

Open the White-Tailed Eagle image and the Blue and White Sky image. Start with the Eagle image: Duplicate the background layer;

Go Select>Color Range, play with the fuzziness slider and the "plus" eyedropper to get a clean selection of the sky.

Delete the original sky, (Delete or Backspace key) At this point, you will have to turn off the visibility of the background layer in order to see just the eagle. Duplicate this layer (it should be the bird only) (command/control J).

Now go to the Blue and White Sky image, Select All, Copy. Size both images so that you can see them on the desktop. With the Eagle image active, AND the eagle Layer active, make a new layer UNDER THE EAGLE LAYER, by holding down the command/control key, and clicking on the new layer icon at bottom of layers palette.

Go Edit>Paste, and the sky image should appear "behind" the eagle.

You can now change the position (Move tool) and the opacity (Layers palette) of the sky to your liking.