

Concrete and Cardinals

Scott Turner's brief articles in *The Providence Journal* always provided welcome glimpses of natural landscapes. *Beauty in the Street - Nature Tales from the Neighborhood* collects many of these, as well as other reminiscences of Turner's life and its intersections with the natural world in Rhode Island, Seekonk, and the Bronx. It's not a book that you'll read cover to cover. Instead enjoy a snippet here and there; the timeline is fragmented. One piece titled, "Sitting with Several Species of Butterfly," dated 2012, begins, "On a sunny Sunday afternoon in summer, I lazed on a lounge chair in the shade of a red maple..." The next piece is three years later in Seekonk, finding Turner standing "in amazement before a dolphin, which surfaced less than 10 feet away, exhaling in a loud, sighing hiss from its blowhole." This is a collection of essays to dip into on a cold day, or when it's raining outside, or when you need a smile to connect you with birds and the water, the air and the wind. *Beauty in the Street - Nature Tales from the Neighborhood* by Scott Turner, available on Amazon and at Stillwater Books.