

## Scroll wheel freedom

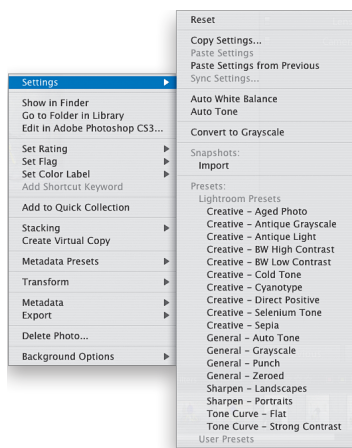
Without wheels, humanity would be stuck in the mud. Wheels equal mobility. If you don't own a mouse with two buttons and a scroll wheel, go out and get one. (Mac users check out the Mighty Mouse—it's really cool!) If you use a laptop, pick up a second, smaller mouse for travel. A small investment in a good mouse is definitely worth it.

Now that you have a three-button mouse, in the Library module hover over the grid and use the scroll wheel to scroll up and down through the thumbnails. Hover over the thumbnails in the Filmstrip (in any module) and move the scroll wheel up and down to navigate left and right through the thumbnails. Say "no" to scroll bars and enjoy scroll wheel freedom!

## Lightning quick

There are certain adages that you hear over and over again in life. Here's one adage for Lightroom: "Right-click everywhere you go." (Control-click if you're too sorry to buy a three-button mouse. Kid-ding!) [Note: For the sake of clarity, we'll use Right-click only for these tips.—Ed.] You'll be amazed at the contextual menus you'll soon discover. There are more than we have space for here, but below are a few Right-click highlights:

- When in any module, Right-click in the Left or Right panels area to Show/Hide All panels, open/close a specific panel, Expand/Collapse All, choose Solo mode, and select a Panel End Mark.
- In the Library module Grid view, Right-click the thumbnails to Open in Loupe/Compare, Show in Finder (PC: Explorer), Edit in Photoshop, Set Rating/Flag/Color Label, apply Metadata Presets, Develop Settings, Export, Delete, launch View Options dialog, and more.
- In the Develop module, Right-click on the image to apply Settings (Reset, Copy/Paste, Auto White Balance/Tone, Presets, and more), Show in Finder (PC: Explorer), Edit in Photoshop, Set Rating/Flag/Color Label, Add to Quick Collection, Stack, Transform, Delete, and more (as shown).
- Also in the Develop module, Right-click off the image to choose your Background Color: White, Light Gray, Medium Gray, Dark Gray, or Black; and set your Background Texture to None or Pinstripes.



- Right-click a thumbnail in the Filmstrip to Show in Finder (PC: Explorer), Set Rating/Flag/Color Label, Add to Quick Collection, Create Virtual Copy, Apply Settings/Metadata, Rotate, Modify View Options, etc.
- Turn on Filters (above the Filmstrip) and Right-click on the Flags to show All, Picks, Picks and Unflagged, Unflagged, Rejected, etc. Right-click on the Labels to show labeled or unlabeled images.
- Right-click on one of the Show/Hide Panel bars (top, bottom, left, or right) to select Auto Hide & Show, Auto Hide, or Manual.

## Follow the breadcrumbs

It's common to jump around from image folder to folder, etc. The quickest way to get back to where you've been is to single-click the current folder path directory at the top left of the Filmstrip. This will open a pop-up menu that will allow you to view All Photographs, Quick Collection, Previous Import, and recently viewed folders.



## Supersize me

As you may have discovered by now, the Lightroom interface is incredibly flexible. You can click-and-drag any of the panel edges (or dividing lines) to increase or decrease the panel width. This is especially helpful when viewing images in the Filmstrip while in the Develop module. In this context, if I can't find what I want, I'm often tempted to go back to the Library module Grid view. Before going there, however, try clicking-and-dragging the panel divider to increase the size of the thumbnails. Then use your new scroll-wheel trick to scroll through the thumbnails. ■

