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Inside Front and Back Covers: Photographs by Frank Gorga

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Great Brook in Autumn by Frank Gorga
This photograph is, to me, a reminder of the serenity of the autumn woods: clean crisp air, the rushing of water in a stream and the lack of insects make autumn the best time of year in the forests of New England. I spent time over a few days scouting locations along Great Brook and waiting for bright but diffuse light in the woods.
I was, as I often do in the summer, hanging around a beaver swamp to photograph dragonflies and damselflies. I arose from the crouch I was in and turned around to move to a new spot when I noticed this spider a few feet away. As I moved closer, I noticed the damselfly in the spiders grasp. Luck, pure and simple. Good in the case of the spider and photographer; bad for the damselfly.