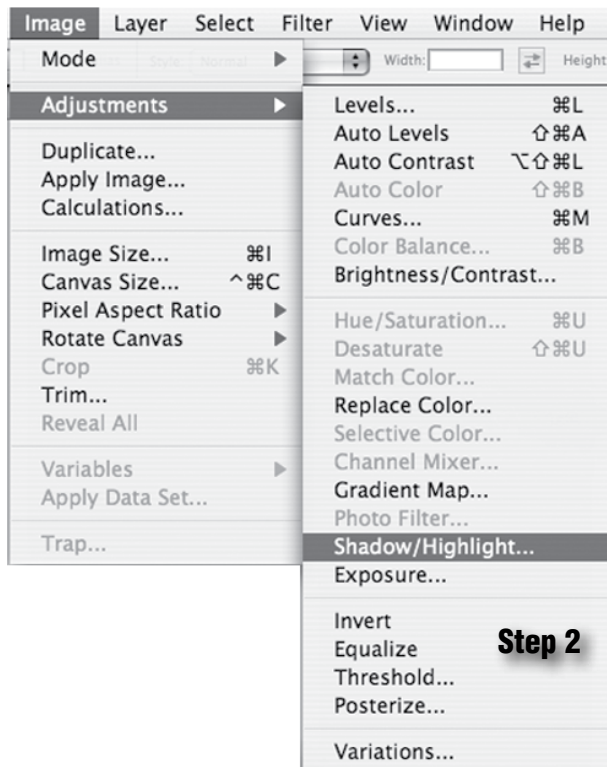# Fixing backlit photos

Backlit photos are a pain. Even with digital cameras you think it looks OK but when you enlarge it on the computer, you get YUCK! Here's how to fix that, but you must have at least Photoshop CS or CS2 to be able to do this.

Directions

1) Open the photo.
2) From the Image menu choose Adjustments>Shadow/Highlight.
3) When it opens (or when you check Preview), be prepared for a major shock. You can usually leave the default settings alone but you can fiddle with them if you want to. The difference that happens immediately will blow you away. ✖

Original Photo

Image	Layer	Select	Filter	View	Window	Help

Mode	▶
Adjustments	▶
Duplicate...	
Apply Image...	
Calculations...	
Image Size...	⌘I
Canvas Size...	^⌘C
Pixel Aspect Ratio	▶
Rotate Canvas	▶
Crop	⌘K
Trim...	
Reveal All	
Variables	▶
Apply Data Set...	
Trap...	

Levels...	⌘L
Auto Levels	⇧⌘A
Auto Contrast	⌥⇧⌘L
Auto Color	⇧⌘B
Curves...	⌘M
Color Balance...	⌘B
Brightness/Contrast...	
Hue/Saturation...	⌘U
Desaturate	⇧⌘U
Match Color...	
Replace Color...	
Selective Color...	
Channel Mixer...	
Gradient Map...	
Photo Filter...	
Shadow/Highlight...	
Exposure...	
Invert	
Equalize	**Step 2**
Threshold...	
Posterize...	
Variations...	

Fixed using this INCREDIBLY simple method