



[Test] The Top 20 of 2024 - and some New Photo Safaris

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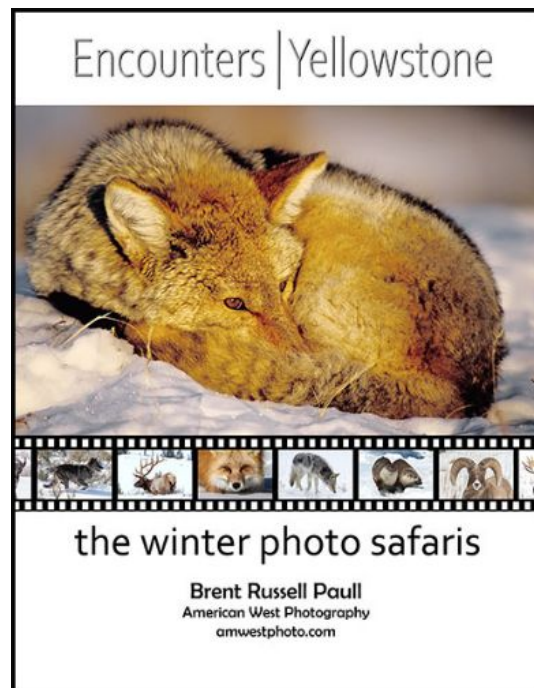
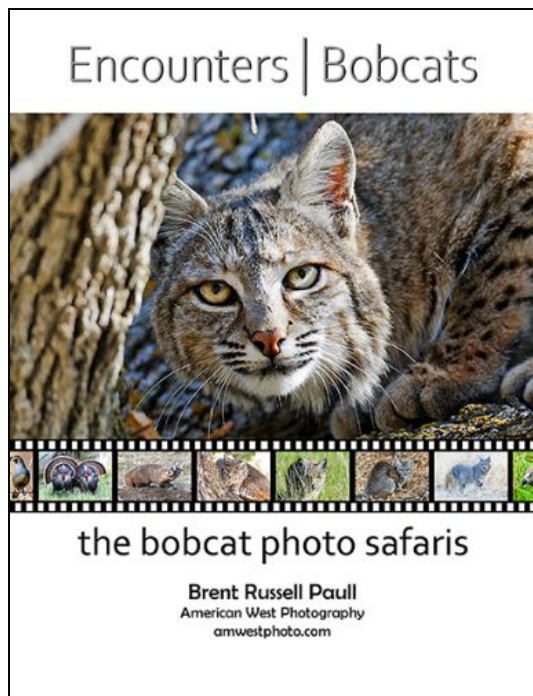
Hi to Everyone,

This is my favorite 20 images from 2024 newsletter. I previewed some of the images in the last newsletter, but here is my final cut. You might be wondering about image #12 being mixed into this group - lets just say I've wanted to shoot that image for about 30 years before I finally photographed it. Image #6 is for the badger guy, Gary Kunkel, that lives in Visalia, and Images #3 and #16 are for my friend Bob Sutton down in Apple Valley. I had a couple of excellent elk bugling images that could have made the cut, but in past years elk are well represented and moose aren't, so there you go. It was fun to go back through images in January that I had pretty much forgotten about it, they seemed so long ago now.

Eleven of these images came from one of the three Yellowstone Safaris I do every year (Winter, Spring, and Fall) while another 4 came from the San Juan Island Fox Safari. This year all my fox selections from that safari are of red foxes, not like in previous years where I highlighted some of the black red foxes we shoot. Also, 11 of the images came between 5:30am and 10am in the morning, while 8 more came between 10am and 4pm - shooting down the mistaken idea that wildlife take naps and aren't active in the afternoon.

Six of the images are of birds, 2 images are of game animals (moose), while the overwhelming majority of the images are of predators - 12. This year I didn't include any

black bear images even though I shot quite a few, all the bears are grizzlies. No coyotes or wolves this year, but plenty of small predators - foxes, bobcat, badger, and ermine. It was a good mix of images shot throughout 2024.



The above PDF books are available for \$17 each, I'm currently working on my 3rd book about shooting California Songbirds at the different safari locations.

With the first Yellowstone Winter Wildlife Safari sold-out, I'm also doing a second Yellowstone Winter Safari ([LINK](#)) in March to photograph bears coming out of hibernation. Much will have changed between the February and March wildlife safaris. In past years I've had good success with bears at this time of the year. This safari also has a free shooting day of Utah Raptors for those who participate. ([LINK](#)) Two spots are currently available.

Bobcat Safaris ([LINK](#)) are currently in full swing into March, and the California Coast Wildlife Safaris ([LINK](#)) are upcoming at the end of December through January, peak times for Elephant Seals giving birth, Sea Otters with young ones, and wintering Monarch Butterflies.

I have a new safari happening in April 2025. ([LINK](#)) This safari will spend 3 days shooting birds in southern Arizona, a travel day to Texas, then 3 days shooting in southwest Texas. In Arizona we will shoot the Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum, specifically the bird aviary, Madera Canyon, the Sweetwater Wetlands, and other local bird hotspots. In Texas, I will return to the areas I shot this past April to capture images of Painted Buntings, Scissor-tailed Flycatchers, etc. The travel days to Arizona, from Arizona to Texas, and returning from Texas are not included as paid days, so there are 6 shooting days. We will spend one day shooting at my friend Butch Ramirez's Photography Ranch outside Laredo.

My June through August Safaris are up on my safari schedule, mostly peregrine falcons, black bears, birds, and wildflowers in Sequoia National Park and the Mineral King area of the park. This September I'm doing two back-to-back safaris like I did last year - first September 15-19 to the Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)), and the second September 22-26 to Glacier National Park ([LINK](#)). I already have one person signed up and I expect these safaris to sell out, so plan ahead if you are looking for some extended wildlife

photography in two amazing parks.

My final two points. I've scheduled a new Zoom Show for Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6pm You can get the link [here](#), or on the Zoom Shows page in Tips and Tricks, linked off my website's homepage. Over 2025 I'm going to try to do 12 Zoom Shows, each one concentrating on a different aspect of Photoshop (PS) and Image Processing. This first show will be on setting up a correct, functioning workspace in PS and creating Actions to increase your workflow speed.

Second, I'm going to start putting a safari every month in the newsletter that is not advertised on my website. For example, on Wednesday, January 15 I'm doing a safari over to the coast to shoot those Fly Agaric Mushrooms in Cambria, sea otters in Morro Bay, and hunting Short-eared Owls along the coast. This safari is just \$200 and is limited to 3 people either riding over with me, or meeting me on location in Cambria, on Highway 1. It will start at 11am and finish at twilight. **BRP**

Only one who devotes himself to a cause with his whole strength and soul can be a true master. For this reason mastery demands all of a person. Albert Einstein

[Painted Bunting - Texas/Arizona Spring Bird Safari](#)

Click the link above to download the wallpaper in a new window, then right-click and copy it to your computer. You can see all **FREE** Wallpaper here: ([LINK](#)) The wallpaper is sized to 1980 px by 1080 px to easily fit most computer screens.



All the currently scheduled upcoming 2024-2025 Photo Safaris and Workshops are shown on the Safari Page on my website. That is the most accurate location to view these events. Here is a [LINK](#) to that page. Below are links to the individual safaris for the next several months. New safaris are added every few weeks. Upcoming ZOOM Shows are here - [LINK](#).

2024 Safari Schedule

December 30 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

December 31 California Coast Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))

January 2 Bobcat Safari **SOLD OUT**

January 6 Northern Pygmy Owl Safari ([LINK](#))

January 7-8 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#)) **2 Openings**

January 9 Coast Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)) **2 Openings**

January 21 Coast Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))

January 22-23 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

February 4-11 Yellowstone-Tetons Winter Wildlife Safari **SOLD OUT**

February 12 Utah Raptor Safari ([LINK](#))

February 19-20 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

February 24-26 California NWR Bird Safari ([LINK](#))

March 4 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#)) 2 Openings

March 10-14 Yellowstone Winter Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)) **2 Openings**

March 15 Utah Raptors Safari ([LINK](#))

March 23 So California Bird Safari ([LINK](#))

March 24 Santa Cruz Island Gray Fox Safari ([LINK](#))

April 7 California Poppy / Wildflower Safari ([LINK](#))

April 8 Great Horned Owl Safari ([LINK](#))

April 13-19 Arizona-Texas Spring Bird Safari ([LINK](#))

April 28-29 Morongo Bird Safari ([LINK](#))

May 7-9 San Juan Island (WA) Fox Safari ([LINK](#))

May 19 Peregrine Falcon Safari ([LINK](#))

May 22 Mineral King Grouse Safari ([LINK](#))

May 27 to June 3 Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari **SOLD OUT**

June 9 Peregrine Falcon Safari ([LINK](#))

June 12-13 Sequoia Black Bear and Mineral King Safari ([LINK](#))

July 10 Sequoia Black Bear and Birds Safari ([LINK](#))

July 28-31 Colorado Wildflowers and Landscapes Safari

August 11 Sequoia Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))

August 20 Sequoia Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))

September 4 Sequoia Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))

September 15-19 Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)) **2 Openings**

September 22-26 Glacier Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)) **2 Openings**

October 7-10 Autumn in the San Juan Mountains (CO) ([LINK](#))

October 16 Bobcat Safari **SOLD OUT**

October 21-22 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

November 18 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

November 25 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

December 4 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

December 10-12 Bosque del Apache Bird Safari ([LINK](#))

December 14-16 Texas Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))

Favorites: Top 20 of the 2024 Photo Safaris



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | Texas Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

#20 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Short-tailed Weasel (Ermine) | Yellowstone Winter Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

#19 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Belly flopping Grizzly Yearling in Blacktail Ponds | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari

#18 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Red Fox | Yellowstone Winter Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

#17 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Bull Moose in the Tetons | Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

#16 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Sandhill Crane Colts and mom | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

#15 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Red Fox Kit in Flowers | San Juan Island Fox Safari amwestphoto.com

#14 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Yearling Grizzly watching Mom swim Soda Butte Creek | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari

#13 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Fly Agaric Mushroom | CA Coast Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

#12 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Ferruginous Hawk fly-by | Bobcat Safari amwestphoto.com

#11 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Calling Bald Eagle | Yellowstone Winter Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

#10 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Red Fox in Upper Soda Butte Valley | Yellowstone Winter Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

#9 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Red Fox face-off with Immature Bald Eagle | San Juan Island Fox Safari amwestphoto.com

#8 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Bobcat | Bobcat Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

#7 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Badger Cub playing near Mom | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

#6 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
5 Great Horned Owl Chicks and Mom | Great Horned Owl Safari amwestphoto.com

#5 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Red Fox kit chasing Kit w/vole | San Juan Island Fox Safari amwestphoto.com

#4 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Massive Bull Moose | Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

#3 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Vixen with a necklace of her Kits | San Juan Island Fox Safari amwestphoto.com

#2 from 2024



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Grizzly Sow and Yearling | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

#1 from 2024

I could have filled my favorite 20 images just with grizzly images from the two awesome encounters on the Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari. I kept nearly 800 images just from those two encounters - a day apart. The first at Blacktail Ponds and the second along Soda Butte Creek. Just amazing moments to see and shoot.

Last Call Notes:

Besides the elephant seals, sea otters, wintering monarch butterflies, and shorebirds we will photograph on the California Coast Wildlife Safaris, we will be shooting these very cool Fly Agaric mushrooms in Cambria. Just another reason to participate. ([LINK](#)) As I get closer to spring and summer I will add more black bear safaris, and more bobcat safaris for the fall and winter.

I hope everyone has had a great Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Years. While I say it every year, I'm excited about the new encounters I know we will all have - everywhere. Many of you travel much wider than I do so I see some amazing images on Instagram from all of you - so keep it up, and I will do my best to do the same.

Kind Regards,

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