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Hi to Everyone,

We had some nice success on recent bobcat safaris. It seems this blast of cold, wet weather has got the bobcats moving and consequently we are encountering more of them. The mountains on both sides of the San Joaquin Valley are greening up and it won't be long until wildflowers begin to show. On the recent Coast Wildlife Safari we photographed a birth at the elephant seal rookery north of San Simeon. We also stopped for a couple of hours to photograph some very cool mushrooms at the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve in Cambria. I keep a "top 3" targets list, and for awhile now the beautiful fly agaric mushroom has been on my list. We ran into dozens of specimens of all sizes there, so now it's been replaced on my list. Now my "top 3" targets include: wolverine (came close in Glacier NP), Pacific fisher (seen, but not photographed), and the northern Saw-whet owl. Past species on the list that I was able to photograph include mountain lions, lynx, ermine, long-eared owls, kit fox, mohave green rattlesnake, and palm warblers.

When it comes to winter safaris I always say I hope for the coldest, snowiest weather - and it looks like this year's trip to Yellowstone for the winter wildlife safari will see that happen. Under difficult winter conditions wildlife have to get out and really work to eat and survive - which they are built to do. When conditions are mild they seem to become lazy and their activity level really falls off. This should be a winter of high activity and I'm looking forward to the safari next week. The same goes with the Utah Raptors Safari that follows Yellowstone. Very cold, snowy conditions freeze the voles under the snow during the night, and that forces the barn owls to hunt during the daylight, when the voles can escape the snow. I'm looking forward to it.

I'm still on a photography high from the Bosque Bird Safari and Texas Wildlife Safari. Only

recently have I got through my first big edit of the images and the results were outstanding. FYI ... I kept 6% of the images I shot after the first edit. There is a chance of me adding a short safari back to Texas this April to photograph the Painted Buntings they get in spring. It's not on my schedule yet, but that is another bird very high on my list to photograph. Also, just a reminder that I'm doing a longer 2-hour ZOOM Photoshop class on Monday, February 12 from 6-8pm, that will step through the workflow for beginning and intermediate image processing. It is free to everyone. I will have the link up on my website as well as attached to this newsletter.

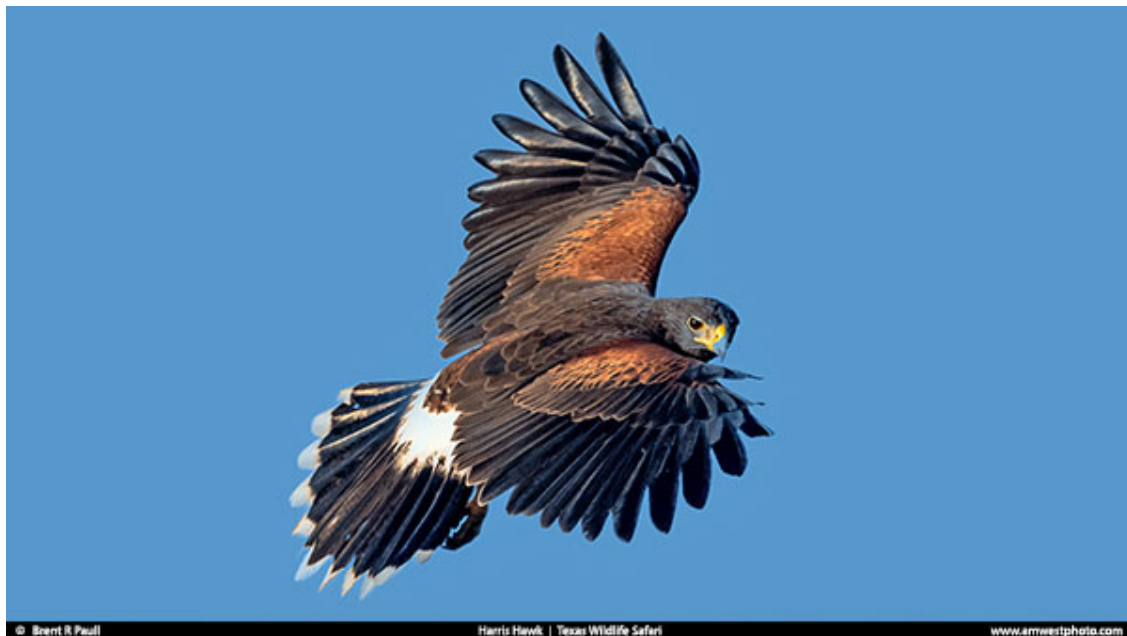
Here it is, the LINK to the Feb 12 Zoom show from 6-8pm PST. Copy and paste it into a browser window a couple of minutes early. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81643587645?pwd=VG83OXBOWkVWcHRrQ3owOGIBMFZSQ09>

I hope everyone has plans of somekind for shooting this spring. The greatest wildlife photography in North America begins late May in Yellowstone, ([LINK](#)) come and join me. Yellowstone is truly a target rich environment with baby animals adding to the normal population of adults. Both parents in the predator dens (foxes, badgers, coyotes, wolves) are hunting to feed their young, while the game animal young (bison, elk, pronghorn, moose, bighorn, and deer) are targeted by the bears and wolves. Even with all the predators more than half the young will survive to adulthood. We are out very early, like 5:15am, for sunrise that happens only a few minutes later. Some days we take a mid-afternoon break, so that we can stay out until dusk. The days blur by, and by the last day of the safari it is hard to remember the encounters we have already had. **BRP**

If winter comes, can spring be far behind. Shelley

[Harris Hawk - Texas Wildlife 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.



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All the currently scheduled upcoming 2023-2024 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

January 22-28 Yellowstone-Tetons Winter Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)) (**SOLD OUT**)

January 29-30 Utah Raptors Safari ([LINK](#)) (**SOLD OUT**)

February 7-8 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

February 22 Southern CA Bird Safari ([LINK](#))

February 24 Blossom Trail Safari ([LINK](#))

February 27-28 NWR Safari (Sacramento, Lower Klamath, Merced) ([LINK](#))

March 4 Santa Cruz Island Gray Fox Safari ([LINK](#))

March 7-8 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#)) **1 Opening**

March 12 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

April 2 Butterbreth Springs Bird (Owl) Safari ([LINK](#))

April 4 California Poppy / Wildflower Safari ([LINK](#))

April 16-19 Southern Utah Spring Safari ([LINK](#))

April 24-25 Morongo Valley Bird Safari ([LINK](#))

May 1-3 San Juan Island Black Fox Safari ([LINK](#)) **1 Opening**

May 13-15 Magee Marsh (Ohio) Bird Safari ([LINK](#))

May 20 Peregrine Falcon Safari ([LINK](#))

May 23 Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))

May 29-June 5 Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))

June 11 Mineral King (if Open)

June 13 Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))

June 25-26 Black Bear and Songbirds in Sequoia Safari ([LINK](#))

July 2 Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))

July 9-10 Black Bear and Songbirds in Sequoia Safari ([LINK](#))

August 13-16 Mt. Evan's Goats and Rocky Mtn Wildlife ([LINK](#))

September 9-13 Glacier National Park ([LINK](#))

September 23-28 Yellowstone-Tetons Fall Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))

September 30-Oct 3 San Juan Mtns Autumn Landscape Safari ([LINK](#))

Specific Locations

La Jolla Cove Cliffs, CA

The cliffs just north of La Jolla Cove breakwater (where the harbor seals give birth) is alive with both Pelagic Cormorants nesting in the cliffs, and breeding plumage Brown Pelicans. The morning light is perfect for incoming birds to the cliffs.



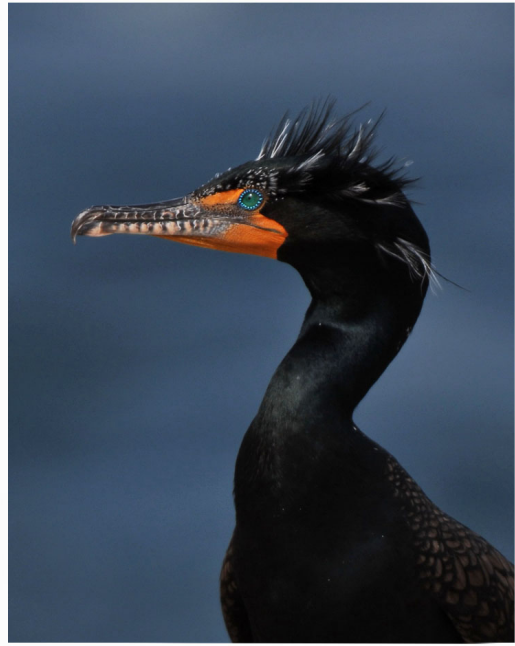
One of the great mid-to-late February birding locations in southern California. The Brandt's Cormorants are inbound to the cliffs and their nests, some with eggs and some with young, as well as inbound Brown Pelicans in breeding plumage. Both birds are beautifully lit in the morning on a day with no marine layer. The map says pelagic, but they are Brandt's Cormorants. You can see the cars parked along the edge of the road, and you can shoot from that walkway.



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 Brandt's Cormorant - San Diego Wildlife Safari
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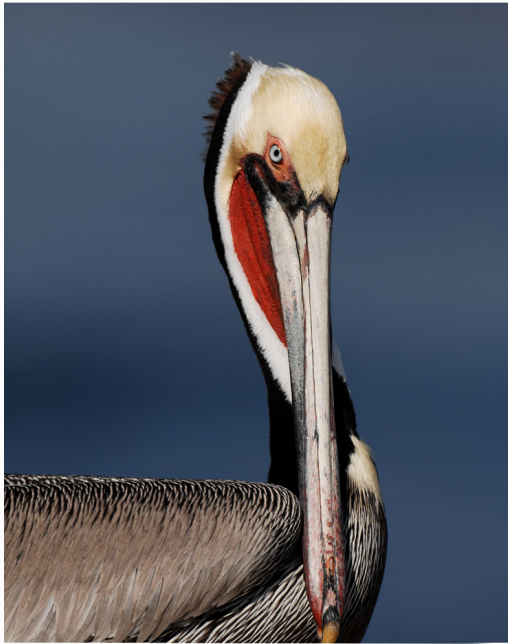
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Last Call Notes:

There are number of good safaris coming up February to April until I get to a packed May - Black Foxes on San Juan Island, WA (1 Opening) ([LINK](#)), Magee Marsh in Ohio ([LINK](#)), and the always awesome Yellowstone-Tetons Spring Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)). In 2023 my best bobcat safaris ran in February and March, let's hope that continues this year ([LINK](#)).

Both the Southern Utah Spring Landscape Safari ([LINK](#)) and the Morongo Bird Safari ([LINK](#)) are outstanding for their subject material, and the quality of the encounters, whether landscapes or songbirds.

Kind Regards,

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