

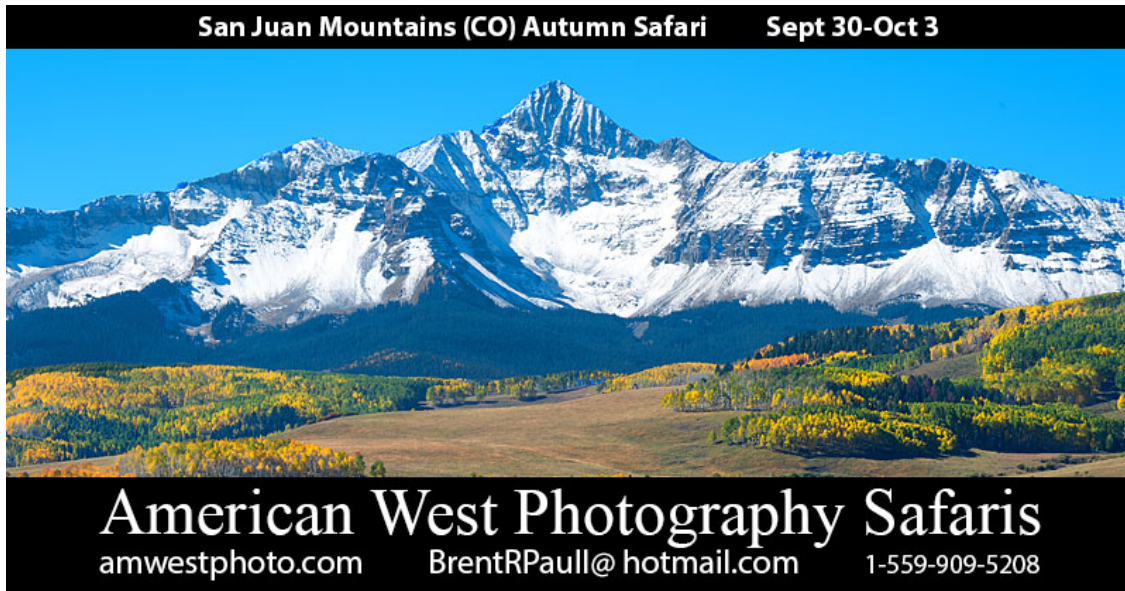
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Hi to Everyone,

They have finally reopened the road to Mineral King that was damaged during spring run-off two years ago. In preparation for the Mineral King Safari next Tuesday ([LINK](#)), Gary Kunkel and I drove the 24.4 mile lousy road from Three Rivers to check on this area of Sequoia National Park. There were four areas that appeared to have washed out, and one rock fall - but all were repaired. My main target was the Sooty Grouse. Since May is when I've shot the males booming, this time of the year in July is mainly hens with chicks. We had an excellent encounter with a hen and her three chicks (poults) and were able to spend quite a bit of time with them. A secondary target in July (and late June) are newborn Mule Deer fawns. We also had an excellent, though short, encounter that led to some good images. There are also some other photos shot on the last black bear safari I did. The cafe at Silver City was open so we were able to eat breakfast there.

Like most safaris, you add incrementally to the images you already have. I've shot many Sooty Grouse (formerly known as Blue Grouse), but on this trip I got very clean shots of a poult that I had for other grouse, but not for Sooty Grouse. The mule deer fawn in the Gallery is also an angle that I've never got before - the fawn looking at me from between the doe's legs. Very cool. So while these are just small things, they add depth to my stock library of images for these species. The usual butterflies and flowers are busy going through their lifecycle at this high elevation of 7800 feet - oh, it was 57 degrees when we arrived at 7:30am. Nice.



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The black bears have been slow in Sequoia National Park. We see a few every trip, but have yet to run into a sow with cubs, but I'm sure the encounter is coming. For anyone interested, if you do the Mineral King Safari next Tuesday, I'm going to do another Black Bear Safari the next day, Wednesday July 17 for half off - \$175. I'm always hesitant to charge the regular amount when I'm not sure of our success, so this is an opportunity to

save some money and shoot two great locations in Sequoia National Park over two days, where I have a Guiding Permit. The wildflowers, butterflies, landscapes, and birds always add to these safaris as we look for the black bears and Sooty Grouse.

The Wednesday Black Bear Safari is not on my schedule, and is open just to those who want to do both the Mineral King (Tuesday) and Black Bear (Wednesday) safari. The oppressive heat we are suffering through right now makes going to Sequoia's high elevation a pleasure. Stay in Tulare, Visalia, or Three Rivers and you can ride with me for both safaris. Also, the first bobcat safari (which is exploratory as well) that runs on October 8-9 is also 30% off - so \$560. Remember, I only take 3 clients on bobcat safaris. I'm only mentioning this discount in the newsletter and not on the website - a small reward for those who actually read through the entire newsletter. **BRP**

Upcoming Safaris

While I spend much of summer in Sequoia National Park chasing bears and grouse, my safaris pick up once mid-September rolls around. My autumn Yellowstone Wildlife Safari has openings ([LINK](#)) and after the spring safari I expect to photograph a lot of bears. This safari is one of the first safaris I did, dating back nearly 40 years, when I was shooting mostly bull elk, bull moose, and mule deer bucks - for submissions to the many hunting magazines that were being published back then. If you have never shoot the elk rut in Yellowstone then you have missed one of the amazing wildlife gatherings in North America.

Another outstanding safari that is coming up at the very end of September and into October is my San Juan Mountains Landscape Safari ([LINK](#)). I've been doing this safari for 15 years and each trip is unique. It is a short safari of just 4 days (all shooting days) but it is a dark-to-dark chase each day as we shoot both sides of the San Juan Mountains - from Ouray, to Telluride, Durango, Cortez, and Ridgway. This year we are going to concentrate on Mt. Sneffels region (mostly from county roads) near Telluride, the Million Dollar Highway south of Ouray, many pristine Forest Service Roads off both Highway 145 and Highway 550, and we end up in Cortez to shoot Mesa Verde National Park - home to iconic indian ruins like the Cliff Palace and Balcony House, but also home to some of the largest mule deer bucks in North America. If you do both the Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari and the San Juan Mtns Safari in Colorado, there is a substantial discount, just shoot me an email and ask what it is if you are interested.

Finally, another amazing safari that is mostly landscape with a mix of desert bighorn sheep, is the Southern Utah Landscape Safari ([LINK](#)). Having lived in Utah for 27 years, I know these areas intimately - the best locations, backroads, etc. This is also a shorter 4-day safari - and this area is probably the least expensive safari that I do when it comes to gas, hotels, and food costs.

[Fawn Mule Deer - Mineral King Wildlife Safari](#)

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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

July 16 Mineral King (Sequoia NP) Safari ([LINK](#))
 July 17 Black Bear Safari (50% Off if you do Mineral King July 16)
 July 22 Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))

August 6 Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))
 August 20-21 Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))
 August 27 Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))

September 4-5 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))
 September 23-28 Yellowstone-Tetons Fall Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))
 September 30-Oct 3 San Juan Mtns Autumn (Colorado) Safari ([LINK](#))

October 8-9 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))
 October 29-30 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

November 4-5 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))
 November 7-10 Southern Utah Landscape Safari ([LINK](#))
 November 21 Southern California Bird Safari ([LINK](#))
 November 25-26 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

December 3-4 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))
 December 12-14 Bosque del Apache Bird Safari ([LINK](#))
 December 16-19 Texas Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))
 December 30 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))
 December 31 California Coast Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))

January 2-3 Monterey-Big Sur Landscape Safari ([LINK](#))

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

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

January 9 Coast Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))

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

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

February 4-11 Yellowstone-Tetons Winter Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))

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

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

February 24-26 California NWR 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 27 to June 3 Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))

Last Call Notes:

Stay safe this summer. No matter where you travel to, bring lots of water, a hat, sunscreen, candy, nature bars, etc. Many people have died this year already in Zion, Death Valley, and the Grand Canyon. If you have a driving mishap, stay with your vehicle and don't try and walk out.

Kind Regards,



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