

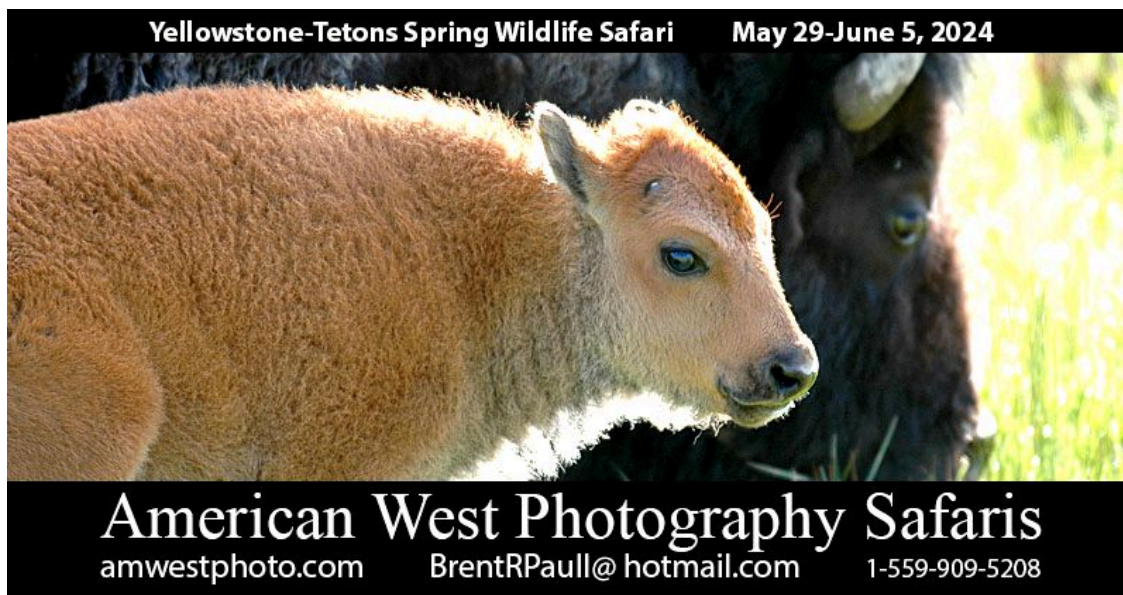
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Hi to Everyone,

Spring is really upon us now. In the last two weeks I've done preliminary trips to Morongo Valley to check on the bird activity for the safari coming up in a month ([LINK](#)), and the birding was already very good. I also checked on the Desert Kit Foxes in Johnson Valley that I've led safaris to before, and found some good activity at a couple of the underground densites. The Morongo Bird Safari is only about 25 minutes away, so there is a good possibility that the late afternoon in-between the two safari days we will travel to photograph them. The Morongo Bird Safari stands out as the best songbird safari in California, with the greatest number of birds, many nesting and feeding young - so good activity and behavior.

I also recently traveled out to check on the Great Horned Owls at Butterbrecht Springs, and found the nest was once again home to a Great Horned Owl mother and her 3 chicks. ([LINK](#)) Last year the nest was empty, but this year they have returned. Bird activity was also very good, as well as wildflowers among the Joshua trees and the surrounding hillsides. I was surprised to run into a flock of Lawrence's Goldfinches, a species I usually see just one-at-a-time of. I might make multiple trips out for the owls over the next couple of weeks - I don't want the chicks to fledge and be gone when I get out there on April 2 - so I added a slightly earlier safari on Friday, March 29.

Instead of doing the southern Utah safari over April 16-19, I'm going out to Texas to shoot Painted Buntings and Scissor-tailed Flycatchers, two species I've wanted to add to my stock library for quite awhile. I'm flying into Laredo instead of driving, but if this safari goes well, next year I will do a regular driving safari that will include both Texas and Arizona, covering these birds, as well as the birds around Madera Canyon in Arizona.

Also, I expect a bumper crop of wildflowers for the two California Poppy safaris on my schedule, on Thursday, April 4, and Thursday, April 11. ([LINK](#)) This safari not only takes

us through the poppy fields of Antelope Valley, but also into the southern Sierras for mountain wildflowers, like Baby Blue Eyes. The mountains and valleys are lush green right now, with some slopes near me with outstanding poppies already blooming.

The ferry wouldn't go out to Santa Cruz Island the day of my fox safari earlier this month due to the storms that were hitting the coast - so the Santa Cruz Island Fox Safari was moved to Tuesday, April 16. ([LINK](#)) Besides the unique gray foxes (very small) on the island, the ferry ride out from Ventura Harbor had provided us with some good dolphin activity as well as pelagic birds, so after this delay I'm looking forward to getting out there.

Some rapidly approaching safaris have openings. There is a single spot open on the San Juan Island Black Fox Safari for riding with me from California. ([LINK](#)) This unique population of red foxes have a strong melanistic gene that makes about 40% of the population black, and we spend our time shooting among numerous densites with kits. Also, there are a couple of openings on the spring Yellowstone Wildlife Safari coming May 29 to June 5, ([LINK](#)) either to ride with me or meet me in Gardiner. The hotel costs this year are \$70/night less expensive than last year. This is truly the finest wildlife safari in North America, with opportunities to photograph the largest number of mammals and birds, and their young. It never disappoints.

So there are some great photography opportunities coming up over the next two months. This should also be a great year for black bear photography up in Sequoia National Park, with the still continuing snow and precipitation keeping the meadows moist and green farther into summer. ([LINK](#))

Lastly, I'm selling my Nikon D850 body (with two batteries/charger) if anybody is interested in moving up to this quality camera. It has 110k clicks, and was recently serviced by Nikon - so it is in great shape. The cost is \$900, with most D850 bodies, used, running about \$1400 online right now. If you are interested, give me a call or email me. I hope this newsletter catches everyone in good health, and with a desire to push your photography to new heights. **BRP**

Whoever it was who searched the heavens with a telescope and found no God would not have found the human mind if he had searched the brain with a microscope. George Santayana

Fly Agaric Mushroom - California Coast 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

March 29 Great Horned Owl Safari ([LINK](#))

April 2 Great Horned Owl Safari ([LINK](#))

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

April 11 California Poppy / Wildflower Safari ([LINK](#))

April 16 Santa Cruz Island Gray Fox Safari ([LINK](#))

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

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

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

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

May 29-June 5 Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)) **3 Openings**

June 11 Mineral King (if Open)

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

June 24 Peregrine Falcon Safari ([LINK](#))

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

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

July 9-10 Black Bear/Songbirds/Wildflowers - Sequoia Safari ([LINK](#))

July 16 Mineral King (Sequoia NP) Safari (if Open)

August 6 Black Bear 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 (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 28-29 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](#))

February 4-11 Yellowstone-Tetons Winter Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))
February 12 Utah Raptor Safari ([LINK](#))

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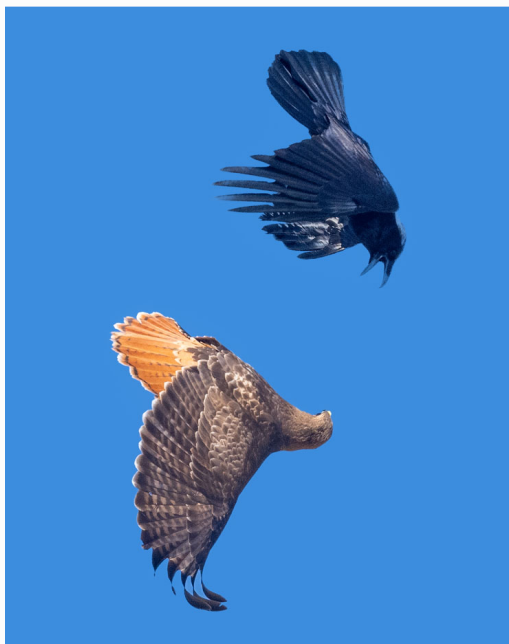
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Last Call Notes:

Fun images. I particularly liked the baby goats. While I'm looking forward to all the safaris I do, there are some that I don't do every other year. This year I'm not doing Glacier, nor the Southern Utah Spring safari. Last year I didn't do the Colorado San Juan's Autumn Safari ([LINK](#)) but I am doing it this year. I've shortened it to 4 days instead of 5 in order to fit my safari schedule a little better. That is another outstanding safari that is 80% landscapes and 20% wildlife. The colors dwarf any other area in the American West,

including northern Utah - which I love. If you get a chance to shoot Logan Canyon, Utah in October, it is truly amazing as well. I think what draws me to the San Juan Mountains is not just the color, but the scale and majesty of the mountains, mixed with the western mining culture that thrived in this area in the 19th century. The names of the towns, and scenic areas, conjure up the old west. Telluride, Ouray, Silverton, Cortez, and Durango - scenic areas like the Million Dollar Highway, Red Mtn Mining District, Mt. Sneffels, Mt. Wilson, and Ophir Pass. I'm ready to go right now.

Kind Regards,



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