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Hi to Everyone,

The safari to Yellowstone this spring was an amazing adventure. I know I use that word a lot, but the fact is, it was. The photos we captured tell the story a lot better than I can, so I will let them speak for themselves - with some captions for background. Each year gets better, knowledge of the park and its wildlife increases. While we had many grizzly encounters, I captured images that I hadn't shot before. We had a very good encounter with snowshoe hares, for only the second time. Black bears swimming and courting, eagles fishing, red foxes mousing, coyote pups, badger cubs, sandhill crane colts, shadow boxing pronghorn bucks ... and so many more stories. After the adventures on San Juan Island at the beginning of May (LINK), the month finished in epic style in Yellowstone. It never disappoints, I only wish everyone reading this could have had those encounters along with us. Enjoy the gallery of images from this years safari ended a week ago - I've only gone through about 10% of the images so far. **BRP**

You've got to know when to hold 'em (keep shooting, moving)
Know when to fold 'em (end a bad encounter and move on)
Know when to walk away (find the next encounter)
And know when to run (leave with what you have)
You never count your money (don't waste time chimping)
When you're sittin' at the table (concentrate on tactics)
There'll be time enough for countin' (review images at home)
When the dealin's done (and the encounter is over)

The Gambler by Kenny Rogers

Sow Grizzly and Juvenile - Yellowstone Spring 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

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)

July 22 Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))

August 6 Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))

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

Gallery Images - Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari



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Badger Cub playing by Mother | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

The area around the double bathroom a mile east of the confluence has always been a hotspot for badger dens. The sheer number of ground squirrels demands badgers should live in the area. The den was in a great spot for photography, and there were about 20 photographers shooting when I got these images. The mother had three cubs to take care of, and she had to brave the highway in leaving and returning to the densite.



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Badger Mom | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari



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Coyote attacking Sandhill near nest | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari

I've seen sandhill cranes drive off coyotes before, but this time things were different. This coyote was determined to get at the colts, but it had to drive off the parents first. With only one parent guarding the colts, the coyote waded through the marsh and chased off their protector, capturing one of the two colts. The coyote went back after the other but it hid well and avoided the same result.

We had other encounters with Sandhill Crane families, which turned out less violent and more photogenic than the first one. In the marsh at Junction Butte the parents put on a very public display with their two colts, giving us a few surprising moments as the they scaled a rock to await food from their parents.



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Coyote Pups playing | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

There was a coyote densite at the mouth of Lamar Canyon that provided a few days of baby coyote sightings. With the pups getting bigger, mom moved her young to a new, less public densite - having achieved her goal of using people to shield her pups from potential enemies like wolves and bears. We had many coyote encounters throughout the safari.



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Cinnamon Black Bear | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

While we encountered many black bears, we really didn't have any amazing moments. We did get a black boar pursuing a cinnamon sow around Floating Island Lake a couple of times - and some swimming and pine trunk scratching, and the obligatory black bear cubs in a tree (or two), but those kind of encounters just didn't pan out in terms of good imaging. We did encounter a cinnamon boar black bear hunting elk calves in the sagebrush at the western end of Blacktail Ponds with some

good images, and this point-blank encounter early one morning (above) with this cinnamon boar near Tower.



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Grizzly Cub leap into Blacktail Pond | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Grizzly Cub after dive | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

The first grizzly family encounter happened right at Blacktail Ponds, and some diving (above) and swimming followed the family as they enjoyed the warm day at the water. Just incredible stuff and we shot for as long as the bears stayed, before eventually vanishing south across the road into the wilds of the Blacktail Plateau.



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Relaxing Grizzly Family at Blacktail Ponds | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Grizzly Cub swimming in Blacktail Pond | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Red Fox | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

Much like this past winter, Round Prairie and the Pebble Creek area produced a very photogenic red fox. While the red fox was shedding, the patchy fur proved dazzling in the light. With the meadow narrowing between the Soda Butte Creek and the road, we made the right decision to head to that point and were rewarded by another point-blank encounter as the fox recrossed the road and headed up-mountain. A few mousing jumps in the meadow was just gravy for this encounter.



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Red Fox shedding | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari



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Snowshoe Hare | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

High on Mt. Washburn we encountered a pair of half-colored Snowshoe Hares. We weren't as close as my last encounter (6 feet) near Fishing Bridge a few years ago, but these hares put on a show. I learned a couple things watching and photographing them - 1) when running or even walking fast their enormous back feet go forward of their front feet, and 2) the hares had no problem jumping on logs and looking around - something I've never seen any other rabbit do.



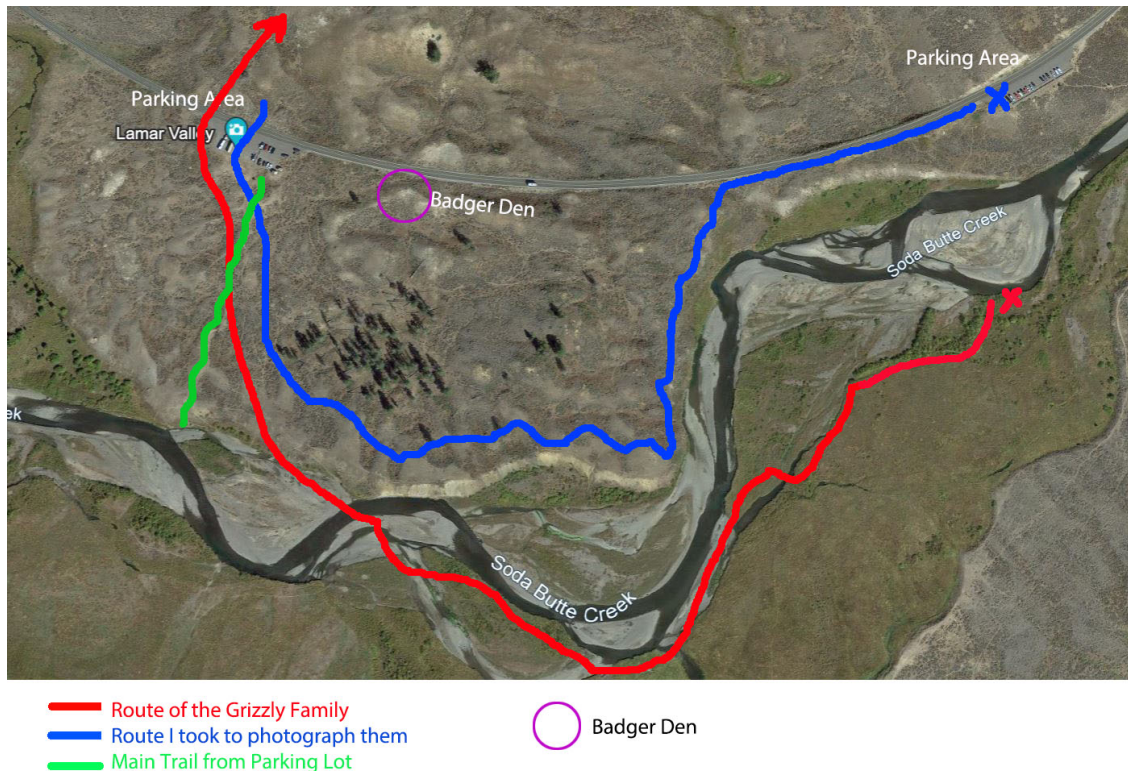


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Bald Eagle fishing | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari

Before we get to the second Grizzly Family encounter, we did get a number of action bird images throughout the park. The Bald Eagle (above) dives for a fish in the Gull Point Drive pond. On two out of three trips around that short road a bald eagle was posed in the same tree hunting the pond.



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 Bufflehead Ducks | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



The second Grizzly Family encounter was remarkable by all measures. Not only did it last for about 30 minutes, but by shooting from the bluff above Soda Butte Creek (north side), we were able to get many remarkable shots of the bears as they first followed the willows, then crossed small feeder creeks before eventually swimming Soda Butte Creek. Where the bears path (red) crossed the main trail (green) there are a series of small ridges that posed the bears with a flawless out-of-focus

background. The red and blue crosses are where we first saw the grizzlies, about 300 yards out.



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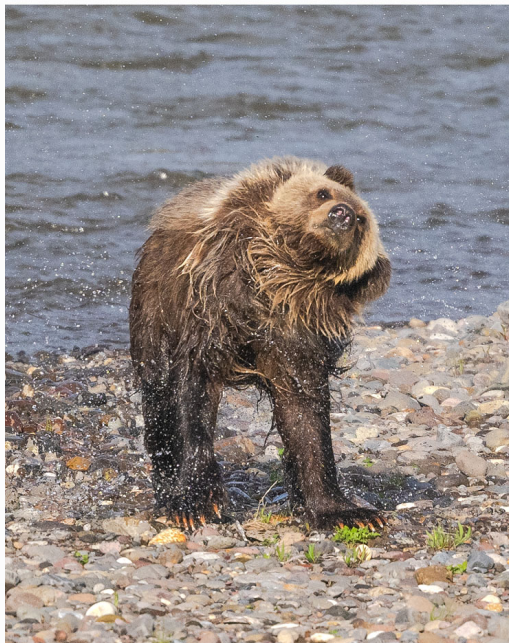
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Last Call Notes:

I shot thousands of more grizzly images on both the grizzly family encounters, they were both just gold for a wildlife photographer. We also shot a grizzly near Lake Butte Overlook that caught an elk calf. While that occurred behind some fallen timber logs, the sound of the elk calf resonated up the hillside to where we stood on the road. Nature can be a tough judge for all animals, but particularly the young. I processed 167 images, and only used 34 in this newsletter.

I didn't put a bunch of safari links in the text, so I hope you will take a good look at the

upcoming safaris. I added the YNP Fall Safari back to my safari list, how could I not after this kind of safari that just ended.

An upcoming landscape safari that can be just as dramatic as this wildlife safari was, is the San Juan Mountains Autumn Safari in Colorado at the end of September. Breathtaking is a fitting description. Also, many safaris in 2025 are already starting to fill (YNP winter, YNP spring, San Juan Island Foxes) so if you are interested, shoot me an email so I can detail the safari for you.

Kind Regards,



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