

January 2025 Newsletter

Bobcats, No Pygmy Owls, and Birds



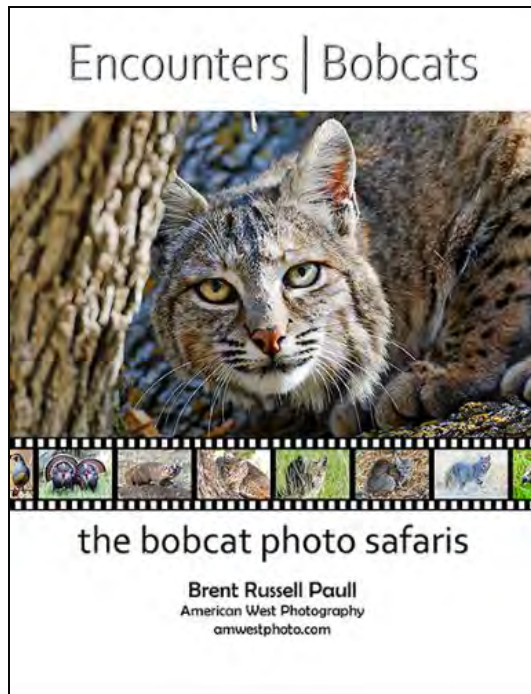
Hi to Everyone,

I had a busy first two weeks in January - doing bobcat safaris, northern pygmy owl safaris, and coast wildlife safaris. I was disappointed by the few monarch butterflies at the preserve in Pismo Beach. I went to it early on the second coast safari just to get the butterflies stationary, and counted all of 5 butterflies. I'm sure their count is much higher, but the numbers were ridiculously low. The elephant seals at Piedras Blancas were good. The sea otters were more scattered at Morro Bay, so overall I would say that safari was below average. On one of the trips we did get some great mushrooms (Fly Agaric - amanita muscaria) at the Fiscalini Preserve in Cambria.

We ran into quite a few bobcats, and had one epic encounter where a bobcat dug a cottontail rabbit out of a small alcove in the rocky ground. We had numerous pygmy owls on that safari, and had two come close for some fun images. Images from these safaris are in the gallery. I have two remaining bobcat safaris for this season on February 19 and on March 4. ([LINK](#))

While the first Yellowstone Winter Wildlife Safari is sold-out, the second Yellowstone Winter Wildlife Safari has a couple of openings - March 10-14. ([LINK](#)) That safari also includes a free Utah Raptors Safari the next day. ([LINK](#)) The Arizona-Texas Spring Bird Safari also

has openings from April 13-19. ([LINK](#)) While there are dozens of cool, colorful birds in Texas - there are two birds imparticular we want - Male Painted Buntings and Scissor-tailed Flycatchers. On last years safari we also shot Orchard Orioles, Northern Bobwhites, Northern Cardinals, Pyrrhuloxia, and many others.



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.

My final two points. I've scheduled a new Zoom Show for Monday, February 17, 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 second Zoom Show will concentrate on creating Actions that assist in speedy image processing corrections.

Once again we are looking at a dry winter here in California. The snow level at Sequoia is above 5000 feet, which is very high. So lets hope some winter rains are still in store for us. The Rocky Mountains are getting a normal amount of snow and cold, so I'm looking forward to getting up to Yellowstone at the beginning of February.

On the pygmy owl safari we ran into dozens of Lewis's Woodpeckers, a bird that is locally common but had remained elusive for me - never even having seen one. So after photographing that woodpecker finally, I've updated my list of target birds and animals for 2025. On my list now are the Northern Saw-whet Owl, Lucy's Warbler, and the Wolverine. We have Saw-whet Owls (in the Sierra's) and Lucy's Warblers in Morongo Valley - ([LINK](#)) in California, and I'm doing a Glacier Safari ([LINK](#)) that will give me another shot at a wolverine - something I missed by just a minute or two a few years ago. So the chase continues..... **BRP**

I do benefits for all religions - I'd hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality. Bob Hope

[6x6 Tule Bull Elk - CA Coast 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.



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

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

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

February 19 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 from Recent Safaris



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Bobcat (Tomcat) digging out Cottontail Rabbit | Bobcat Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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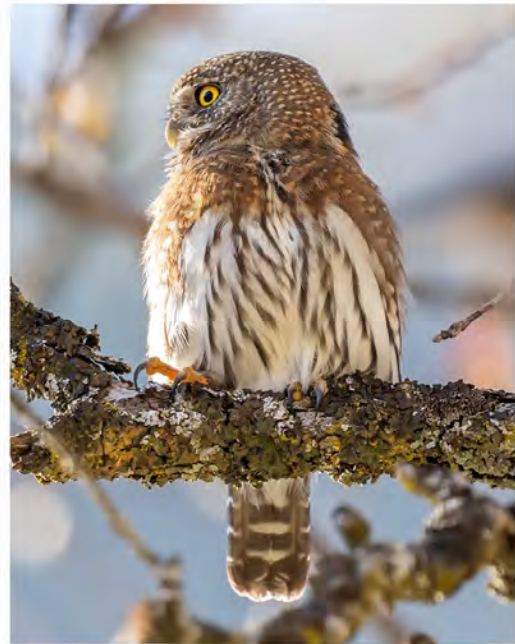
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Northern Pygmy Owl | Northern Pygmy Owl Safari amwestphoto.com



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Two Golden Eagles | Bobcat Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Lewis's Woodpecker | Northern Pygmy Owl Safari amwestphoto.com



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Bushtit with berry | CA Coast Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Lewis's Woodpecker inverted turn | Northern Pygmy Owl Safari amwestphoto.com



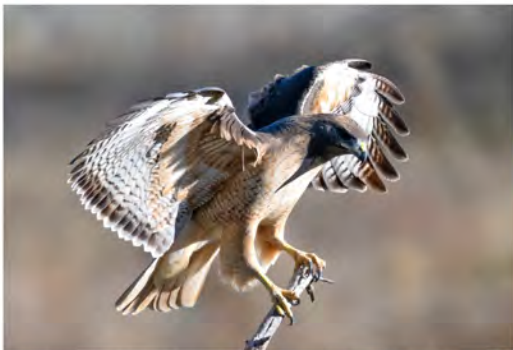
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Two Elephant Seals fighting | CA Coast Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Coyote with Squirrel | Bobcat Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Downy Woodpecker | CA Coast Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Red-tailed Hawk | Bobcat Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Last Call Notes:

I've spent a lot of time catching up on editing images and entering the new stock images into my database. I'm hopeful to update some of my image libraries with images taken in the past two years, something I'm always slow to do. I'm looking forward to the safaris on my updated safari list, there is something to be said about going to the best places in the American West, at the best times, to have encounters with some of the most beautiful birds and animals. But I have to say, I want that damned wolverine in Glacier.....

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