

May 2025 Newsletter

San Juan Island Fox Safari



Hi to Everyone,

Another San Juan Island Fox Safari is in the books. We had far more encounters with the adult foxes hunting, bringing carrion to the densite, snakes, hunting along the shoreline, hunting in tidal pools, etc. The main fox den we photographed had 8 kits - 4 red and 4 black - and a total of 5 adults taking care of those kits. The alpha female fox was pretty easy to ID in the field, she had identifiable ear scars, while the main black male was the same male as in 2024. He has a damaged rear leg that made him easy to ID. The additional 2 red adults appeared to be daughters from the previous years, while the other black fox appeared to be a female from the same den 2 years ago. One of the extra female foxes appeared less than cordial to the kits, snapping at them when they approached her to play.

With that many adult foxes around hunting and caring for the 8 kits, we had a lot of encounters out in the fields with them hunting, and also a number of encounters with them hunting along the nearby rocky shoreline. We encountered the black male fox (I called him Limper) with a black daughter down on the rocks together, hunting through the tidal pools. While we were on the top of the steep bluff about

80-90 feet above them, it was hard to tell what they were eating - maybe crabs, muscles, or other shellfish. One fox found the large head of a fish that it brought back to the densite.

The ever present bald eagles would do low altitude fly-bys of the densite, and perch on the nearby lighthouse giving them a perfect view of the den, but we never saw them attack an kits. The number of adults around might have had a hand in that as well, though we did see one harass a blacktail doe that could have had a fawn. The foxes brought in the carrion of a fawn that had probably been killed by an eagle before the foxes found it. We spent more time walking the trails in various island areas and this led to some very pretty landscape backgrounds for fox images. I also managed to photograph 3 new bird species - Pacific Loon, Red-faced Cormorant, and Red-necked Grebe.

Next year this safari will run May 12-14, 2026 ([LINK](#)). Three days is more than enough to shoot tens of thousands of fox images in just about every type of encounter possible. We had some rain one night, but no fog or daytime rain that had been sporadic on other fox safaris previously. I hope you enjoy a sampling of images in the Gallery Section of this newsletter.

Two notes: First, the road to Mineral King is being repaired during the week and will only be open on weekends. So, some of those Mineral King dates have changed to the weekend. Second, in 2026 the free extra day following the Yellowstone Winter Safari will be to photograph Wild Horses in Utah's West Desert.

I am selling my 500mm F5.6 PF Nikon telephoto lens as well as the FTZ II adapter so it can be used on Nikon Z bodies. Without the adapter it works on the regular Nikon mount. The price is \$1000 for the lens, \$200 for the adapter. Those prices are less than what I see online for used equipment, plus I just had the lens and adapter serviced about 3 months ago. If interested, give me a call or shoot me an email. Shooting Z Nikon bodies means selling these non Z lenses. **BRP**

I may not be where I want to be, but thank God I'm not where I used to be. Ainsley Carry

[Brown Phase Red Fox Kit | San Juan Island Fox 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 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](#).

2025 Safari Schedule

May 17 Mineral King Grouse Safari ([LINK](#))

May 19 Peregrine Falcon Safari ([LINK](#))

May 27 to June 3 Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari **SOLD OUT**

June 9 Peregrine Falcon Safari ([LINK](#))

June 13-14 Sequoia Black Bear and Mineral King Safari ([LINK](#))

June 24-25 Sequoia Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))

July 10 Sequoia Black Bear and Birds Safari ([LINK](#))

July 15 Sequoia Black Bear and Birds Safari ([LINK](#))

July 22 Sequoia Black Bear and Birds Safari **SOLD OUT**

July 28-31 Colorado Wildflowers and Landscapes Safari

August 11-12 Sequoia Black Bear and Mineral King Safari ([LINK](#))

August 16 Mineral King 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](#)) **1 Openings**

October 2 Sequoia Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))

October 7-10 Autumn in the San Juan Mountains (CO) ([LINK](#))

October 16 Bobcat Safari **SOLD OUT**

October 21-22 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

November 13 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

November 18-19 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](#))

December 21 CA Coast Wildlife ([LINK](#))

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

December 29-30 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

I will be posting the 2026 photo safaris over the next several weeks.

January 5 CA Coast Wildlife ([LINK](#))

January 9-15 Yellowstone Winter Safari ([LINK](#))

January 16 Utah Raptor Safari ([LINK](#))

January 21 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

January 22 Northern Pygmy Owl Safari ([LINK](#))

January 27-28 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

February 9-11 NWR Bird Safaris ([LINK](#))

February 13 Northern Pygmy Owl Safari ([LINK](#))

February 17 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

February 19 So California Bird Safari ([LINK](#))

February 24 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

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

March 23 Southern CA Bird Safari ([LINK](#))

March 25 Great Horned Owl Safari ([LINK](#))

April 11 CA Poppies and Wildflowers ([LINK](#))

April 23-29 Arizona-Texas Bird Safari ([LINK](#))

May 4 Morongo Bird Safari ([LINK](#))

May 12-14 San Juan Island Fox Safari ([LINK](#))

May 26 to June 2 Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))

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Last Call Notes:

All my PDF books can be purchased from my website on this page - [LINK](#). I should have my next book done in about a week on the Raptors and Owls I've photographed on the wildlife safaris.

I'm doing a free wild horse safari following the Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari in a couple of weeks. If it goes as expected then I'm going to do more free wild horse safaris following the Yellowstone Safari in Winter as well. I might even do Utah Raptors as well - 2 free shooting days. You will see how I do in the June Newsletter covering the YNP Spring safari. Wildlife photography is an amazing adventure.

Kind Regards,

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