

November 2025 Newsletter



Hi to Everyone,

The rain and the cold just seemed to rush up on me this year. But the golden hills of California are turning green, and with that the wildflowers aren't far behind. I'm excited to get back to Bosque del Apache in New Mexico followed immediately by South Texas in two weeks - its been two years since I've journeyed out to Socorro to chase encounters with the hundred thousand sandhill cranes and snow geese that winter in the Rio Grande Valley. Texas is always great for bird photography - and now I go twice per year - December and then again in April. Different birds, some different locations, but the same great encounters.

I've added a number of safaris for 2026. On January 20 I'm doing a snow-shoe landscape safari up in Sequoia National Park. ([LINK](#)) When my old leather/wood snow-shoes wore out about 8 years ago I stopped doing this safari, but now with new aluminum snow-shoes I want to get back up in the park, with the white snow highlighting the red bark of the sequoias. I've sold many of my older images as fine art, and look forward to adding new ones. This safari is about 2/3 of a day, and is priced accordingly. You can participate without snow-shoes, but that will restrict you

to the road and beat-down trails, while snow-shoes will get you back into the sequoia forest to shoot from whatever angle you want. Walking sticks or snow poles help, and while a tripod helps near the road, it is a pain on snow-shoes - so I don't use one. You have to use the tripod as a mono-pod, otherwise you risk breaking the legs in deep snow.

On April 8-9 I'm doing a short safari to the Ghost Town of Bodie, and to areas in the eastern Sierras for landscape photography ([LINK](#)). This was one of the first safaris I did after moving back to California. No matter what kind of photography you like - landscape, barns, macro, western - Bodie has it all. We also visit Mono Lake, June Lake, Virginia Lake - and other areas around Bridgeport.

Another safari that I haven't done in a few years is down to Southern Utah in mid-April - a spring safari that has many potential destinations ([LINK](#)). There are many national parks, state parks, recreation areas, and just plain beautiful landscapes to be photographed. Zion, Bryce Canyon, Monument Valley, Coral Pink Sand Dunes, Snow Canyon, the Toadstools, and the North Rim (Tuweep area) are just a few. Which destinations we go to can vary, mainly due to weather. Having lived in Utah for 26 years I know every backroad and rugged viewpoint to visit. Spring is usually sweeping through southern Utah at this time of year with mild temperatures, wildflowers, and baby animals (desert bighorn sheep).

Other safaris this spring that will definitely include spectacular wildlife and birds are the February and March Bird Safaris in southern California - [LINK](#), Great Horned Owl and Songbirds Safari in late March to Butterbrecht Springs - [LINK](#), the April Arizona-Texas Bird Safari - [LINK](#), the San Juan Island Fox Safari - [LINK](#) in early May. These are safaris where you will shoot high numbers of images over an incredible variety of species. There are also two Peregrine Falcon Safaris in May and June - [LINK](#).

Lots of fun photography coming soon. The day before they closed the Crescent Meadows Road I ventured up to Sequoia to check on the mule deer, and was fortunate to shoot a very nice buck, as well as a number of birds that hadn't migrated out of the park yet. Snow blankets that entire area now and more is on the way. The thing about going often to any particular area is you learn the habits and locations of the local animals and birds - knowledge that paves the way for photography success later on - so whether your favorite area is along the coast, in the desert areas, at some particular wildlife refuge, or just in the mountains - stick to it, keep going (different times of the day and in different weather conditions) because it will pay-off.

I've had a good run of new species this year so far. (1) California Newts in the southern Sierras. (2) Arizona Woodpeckers in Madera Canyon,AZ. (3) Broad-billed Hummingbirds in Madera Canyon,AZ. (4) Lewis' Woodpeckers in Drum Valley,CA. (5) Bridled Nuthatch in Madera Canyon,AZ. (6) Abert's Towhee in Tucson,AZ. (7) Berylline Hummingbird in Madera Canyon,AZ. (8) Pipevine Swallowtail in Tucson,AZ. (9) Big Bertha Torch Cactus in Tucson,AZ. (10) Red-faced Cormorant on San Juan Island,WA. (11) Pacific Loon on San Juan Island,WA. (12) Red-necked Grebe on San Juan Island,WA. (13) Cliff Swallowtail in Sequoia National Park,CA. (14) Black-throated Sparrow in Morongo Valley,CA.

I hope everyone has a relaxing (probably not possible, but try) Thanksgiving and upcoming Holiday Season. **BRP**

Do something that sucks every day. David Goggins (Navy Seal) On a personal note - that suck for me is doing holiday dishes, just saying I believe in this quote.

Mule Deer Buck in Sequoia | Sequoia 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 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

December 4 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))
December 10-12 Bosque del Apache Bird Safari ([LINK](#)) **SOLD OUT**
December 14-16 Texas Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)) **SOLD OUT**
December 21 CA Coast Wildlife ([LINK](#))
December 29-30 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

January 5 CA Coast Wildlife ([LINK](#))
January 9-15 Yellowstone Winter Safari **SOLD OUT**
January 16 Utah Raptor Safari ([LINK](#))
January 20 Snow-shoe in Sequoia Safari ([LINK](#))
January 21 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

January 22 Northern Pygmy Owl Safari **SOLD OUT**
January 30-February 5 Yellowstone Winter Safari ([LINK](#)) **2 Openings**

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 8-9 Ghost Town of Bodie ([LINK](#))
April 11 CA Poppies and Wildflowers ([LINK](#))
April 13-16 Southern Utah Spring Landscapes ([LINK](#))
April 23-29 Arizona-Texas Bird Safari ([LINK](#)) **2 Openings**

May 4 Morongo Bird Safari ([LINK](#))
May 12-14 San Juan Island Fox Safari ([LINK](#)) **2 Openings**
May 18 Peregrine Falcons ([LINK](#))
May 26 to June 2 Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)) **3 Openings**

June 14 Peregrine Falcons ([LINK](#))
June 16 Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))
June 18 Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))
June 23 Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))
June 25 Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))

September 21-26 Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))
September 28-Oct 2 San Juan Mountains (CO) Safari ([LINK](#))

Gallery of Recent Images



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4x4 Mule Deer Buck | Sequoia Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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4x4 Mule Deer Buck following doe | Sequoia Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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4x4 Mule Deer Buck | Sequoia Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Doe and Yearling Mule Deer cleaning each other | Sequoia Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Sequoia Trunk hollowed out by fire | Sequoia Wildlife Safari



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Dogwood Autumn Colors | Sequoia Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Hermit Thrush | Sequoia Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Last Dogwood leaves of Autumn | Sequoia Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Green-tailed Towhee - Mineral King (Sequoia) Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Yellow-rumped Warbler headshot - Sequoia Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Autumn Dogwoods and Sequoias - Sequoia Landscape Safari amwestphoto.com



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THIMBLEBERRY LEAF - SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK AMWESTPHOTO.COM

Last Call Notes:

The rains that have swept through California these past couple of weeks have brought a renewal to the mountains, and with snow building up in the Sierra's, I

hope that it is an early spring. March is a recovery month for me after 26 days of safaris in January and February - so much for cutting back the number of days I shoot each year ... maybe next year.

Finally, I'm going through all the images I've shot and processed, and had in my newsletters this year, to select my favorites for the PDF I put together in December of my Favorite 20. I'm sure many of you forget what you shot early in the year, I know I do - so I create a folder to put the newsletter images in to make it easier to choose in December. Not counting the Bosque or Texas safaris which are upcoming in 2 weeks, I have just over 350 images to select from....like Christmas.

These were my Top 5 Favorite images from 2024:



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Grizzly Sow and Yearling | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Vixen with a necklace of her Kits | San Juan Island Fox Safari amwestphoto.com



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Massive Bull Moose | Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Red Fox kit chasing Kit w/vole | San Juan Island Fox Safari amwestphoto.com



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5 Great Horned Owl Chicks and Mom | Great Horned Owl Safari amwestphoto.com

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