

October 2025 Newsletter



Hi to Everyone,

The fall Yellowstone Wildlife Safari was an amazing experience in grizzly photography. We photographed many grizzlies, including a boar grizzly that had taken over a bull elk carcass east of Lake Butte Overlook. At one point there were three grizzlies in-frame, but the boar was not sharing well with the two nearby sow grizzlies - one of which was the well-known grizzly "Snow". It was fascinating to watch his behavior, even pushing the ravens away, and keeping all others away from his prize. At one point he walked about 40 yards away and backed into a wall of willows, making sure he could still see the carcass. It occurred to me that many people had been attacked by grizzlies defending a carcass, and this was literally an example of that. As the bear backed into the willows he almost disappeared in the heavy cover - but shooting from the road gave us an elevated view - and his outline in the willows was clear, dangerously clear.

We also had a great encounter with a black bear swimming in Rainy Lake. The bear was moving west in the meadow - followed by the usual crowd of photographers - so instead of joining the herd we moved ahead of the bear, parked, and walked back

to the lake. The bear moved to a position above the lake before turning and walking straight into the water. With no parking issue we were able to shoot this scene unobstructed by others as there were no parking areas near us. The bear swam around a bit, scaring the pond ducks into flight, before exiting the lake, shaking off, then rolling in some mineral-laden dirt nearby.

With so much bear activity around we didn't spend much time working the bull elk who were in the rut, though we did have a couple of good encounters - and got to hear them bugling. The other safari was the Glacier trip. Again, we encountered a grizzly sow and two large cubs on the eastside of Logan Pass. The bears moved off the nearby hill and down into the swale between that hill and the road, out-of-sight. When they did appear they moved right into the middle of the road. The bear family were all in excellent shape, fat and healthy looking. We also ran into a number of black bears foraging for berries in bushes, but they were mostly in early morning light and difficult to photograph.

The difficulty in acquiring 7am timed permits for morning entry to Going-to-the-Sun Highway was a bit daunting, and even when we did have permit, parking at Logan Pass was difficult as clearly hundreds had entered the park early and had already filled the parking area before sunrise. While we did have some good wildlife encounters, and got some great landscape imaging of both Bowman and Kintla Lakes off the North Fork Road (also timed entry) we weren't able to shoot other landscapes because of the crowded road and already full parking areas. So my last safari to Glacier was underwhelming.

There is just a single opening for the Bosque del Apache NWR Safari ([LINK](#)) and the Winter Texas Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)) - both back-to-back in December - and if you participate in both safaris there is a 15% discount for both. Bosque is a bird photography mecca, with tens of thousands of snow geese and sandhill cranes wintering in the Rio Grande Valley of New Mexico. I've shot many other critters - eagles, ducks, muley bucks, coyotes, javelina, falcons, and other raptors and songbirds - so it is a good all-around shoot. Texas is always excellent birding and wildlife, with many Mexican species crossing over the border at world-renowned Salineno on the Rio Grande River, as well as javelina, white-tail bucks, armadillos, and others. We also spend a day shooting my friend Butch Ramirez's Rocking R6 Ranch outside of Laredo. We shoot raptors (Crested Caracaras, Harris Hawks, etc) in the morning and some amazing birds via his photography blinds throughout the day.

Three other safaris in the spring that will definitely sell-out are the April Arizona-Texas Bird Safari ([LINK](#)), the San Juan Island Fox Safari ([LINK](#)) in early May, and the Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)) that is already filling up at the end of May through early June. These are safaris where you will shoot massive numbers of images over an incredible variety of species. I'm going to put some links in this newsletter to the newsletters that followed these safari from this year. Just incredible stuff.

The gallery images are going to be grizzly bear heavy, but to be honest, I didn't hear any complaints as we photographed grizzly-after-grizzly. **BRP**

The man is a success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who leaves the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had.
Robert Louis Stevenson

Autumn Colors - Crescent Meadows Road | Sequoia 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

October 16 Bobcat Safari **SOLD OUT**

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

November 4 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

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

November 18-19 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

November 25 Bobcat 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 **SOLD OUT**
January 16 Utah Raptor Safari ([LINK](#))
January 21 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))
January 22 Northern Pygmy Owl Safari **SOLD OUT**
January 27 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))
January 30-February 5 Yellowstone Winter Safari ([LINK](#)) **2 Openings**

February 6 Utah Raptor 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](#)) **3 Openings**
May 26 to June 2 Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)) **3 Openings**

June 14 Peregrine Falcons ([LINK](#))

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

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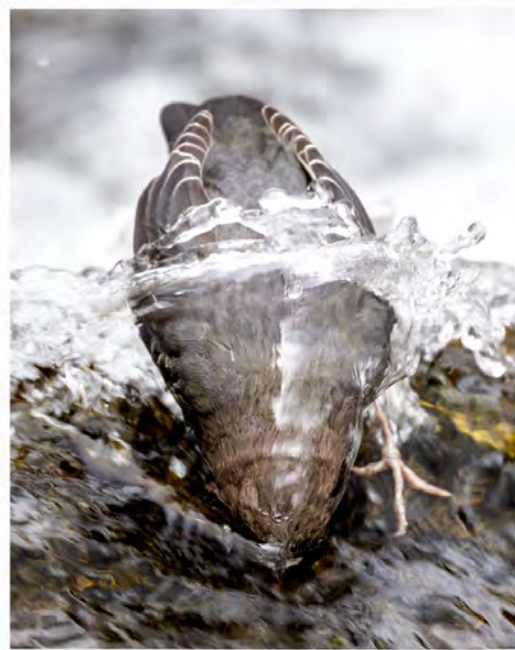
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Last Call Notes:

On our way out of the North Fork Lakes (Bowman, Kintla) my truck reached a milestone of 500,000 miles - so I had to take a photo of the odometer. The trip to that point was 4234 miles, but the safaris ended back in CA with 6287 miles - quite a feat for my 2014 Ford F-150 (original engine and transmission).



Kind Regards,

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