

October 2025 - #2 Newsletter



Hi to Everyone,

Autumn is winding down - it always seems to be the shortest season. With November just a week away it's time to start thinking about bobcats and birds. The recent rains here in central California will begin the process of greening up of our oak woodlands - something I always look forward to as bobcats safari come into full swing. The "golden" hills of California (dead grass) begin to take on a fresh season of new growth - which is my way of saying I get tired of wildlife photography with dead grass backgrounds. Here is a link to the upcoming bobcat safaris - [LINK](#). While bobcats are always our main goal, there is an amazing amount of other wildlife we photograph - badgers, golden eagles, black-tail deer, various raptors, and a large variety of other birds.

As I work through all the images from the summer safaris, I'm once again amazed by the volume of grizzly bear encounters we have had in Yellowstone - really for the past three years, on the spring and fall safaris. Over 150 grizzly encounters since the spring of 2023 safari, and many of those are sows with cubs. It's a grizzly photographer's dream to have the number and variety of encounters we've had -

besides the numerous cubs and yearlings, we've had swimming bears, mating season bears, bear fights, bears on carcasses, and just about every type of interaction and behavior you could hope for. While the spring safaris have a higher number of encounters, the fall safari doesn't let up much - with grizzlies eating berries, defending carcasses from other grizzlies, as activity levels are high as the bears fatten up for the coming winter. These past three spring safaris have been rich with other wildlife - great gray owls, black bears, badgers, red fox, weasels - and the list goes on. Take a look at the newsletters I've put out in June each year following these safaris - just amazing stuff. If you have considered the spring wildlife safari I would encourage you to register early, as the 2026 safari is already half full. [LINK](#)

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 20% discount for both, a savings of \$560. 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 bird and wildlife 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 a variety of 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.

Other safaris in the spring that will definitely be spectacular wildlife safaris are the February and March Bird Safaris in southern California - [LINK](#), Great Horned Owl and Songbirds Safari in late March - [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 massive numbers of images over an incredible variety of species. There are Peregrine Falcon Safaris in May and June - [LINK](#).

Just to tempt you a little more, the gallery images will be grizzly bear images from the past 3 years of Yellowstone Wildlife Safaris. **BRP**

One of the sanest, surest, and most generous joys of life comes from being happy over the good fortune of others.
Archibald Rutledge

[Boar Grizzly on Bull Elk Carcass | Yellowstone Fall 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

November 4 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))
November 13 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))
November 18-19 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#)) **1 Opening**
November 25 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

December 4 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))
December 10-12 Bosque del Apache Bird Safari ([LINK](#)) **1 Opening**
December 14-16 Texas Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)) **1 Opening**
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](#))

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 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 Safari ([LINK](#))

Gallery of 2023-2025 Grizzly Encounters



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Grizzly Family - Yellowstone-Teton Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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



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Yearling Grizzly watching Mom swim Soda Butte Creek | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari



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Belly flopping Grizzly Yearling in Blacktail Ponds | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari



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Grizzly Sow "Blondie" and 3 Cubs - Yellowstone/Tetons Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Grizzly Cub - Yellowstone-Tetons Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Grizzly Cubs - Yellowstone-Tetons 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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Juvenile Grizzly Bear - Yellowstone / Teton Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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WOUNDED GRIZZLY SOW, YELLOWSTONE AMWESTPHOTO.COM



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



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Grizzly cubs (2 of 3) - Yellowstone-Tetons Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Sow Grizzly exiting Soda Butte Creek | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari



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Grizzly Sow | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Grizzly Bear | Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Grizzly Sow - Yellowstone-Tetons Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Grizzly cubs in the Spring Rain | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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2.5 yr old Grizzly Cubs | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Wrestling Grizzly Siblings | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Sow Grizzly leaping over water | Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

Last Call Notes:

These grizzly images bring back a lot of great memories. The image below was my first digital grizzly image - so long ago it's index number was D-000012 (not counting client images, portrait images, commercial images - I'm currently north of 135,000 just for stock images).



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Boar Grizzly Bear - Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

Kind Regards,

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