

September 2025 Newsletter



Hi to Everyone,

Summer is finally exiting and cooler mornings are arriving as we get deeper into September. While the bear safaris in Sequoia began with plenty of black bears, it ended this past month with nary a bear in sight. The birds gave us some solid encounters though, so I could be happy about that. I'm back to big furry animals as the Yellowstone Fall and Glacier safaris are upcoming. I appreciate those safaris being sold out.

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. 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, mule 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.

The first Yellowstone Winter Wildlife Safari is sold out, but the second, two weeks later (January 30-February 5) has openings. ([LINK](#)) Also, coming up in December and January are the two 1-day safaris I do to the California Coast, that can be combined with Bobcat Safaris or others for a more extended shooting experience. ([LINK](#))

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.

Finally, I still have a Nikon FTZ II Adapter for sale for \$75. FTZ stands for Nikon **F**-mount lens **to** adapting to the **Z**-mount cameras. This allows you to not buy all z-lenses right away if you make the switch to a Z camera body. I shot my 500mm f5.6 PF AFS lens on my Z-9 body for nearly 2 years before switching over. \$75 is a good deal, just go to B&H and see what they cost new.

I've got one last safari to Mineral King in Sequoia to shoot the colors, left-over birds, butterflies, and wildflowers oom early October. ([LINK](#)) The gallery in this newsletter is going to be full of all the bird images I've taken on the last 3 black bear safaris in Sequoia NP. Tough for bears, but amazing for birds. Next year I look forward to black bear sows with cubs, as this year it was all older bears. Enjoy the cooling temperatures and the changing seasons. **BRP**

Make no small plans, they have no magic to stir men's souls.
Spencer W. Kimball

[Sandhill Crane at Sunrise | Bosque del Apache NWR Bird 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

September 15-19 Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)) **SOLD OUT**

September 22-26 Glacier Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)) **SOLD OUT**

October 2 Mineral King Safari ([LINK](#))

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

Bird Images from the Black Bear Safaris

Last Call Notes:



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Juvenile Mountain Quail | Black Bear Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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MacGillivray's Warbler | Black Bear Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Male White-headed Woodpecker in Sequoia | Black Bear Wildlife Safari



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Red-breasted Nuthatch | Black Bear Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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House Wren | Black Bear Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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MacGillivray's Warbler | Black Bear Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Townsend's Warbler | Black Bear Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Orange-crowned Warbler | Black Bear Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Female Calliope Hummingbird | Black Bear Wildlife Safari
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Juvenile Golden-crowned Kinglet with prey | Black Bear Wildlife Safari
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I finished my most recent PDF book on the safaris to Sequoia National Park. Until I went through my stock library I didn't realize how diverse the images were I had shot in the park. It was hard to keep it to just 239 pages, probably could have added another 50 pretty easy. They are \$10 for the PDF book - here is a link if you would like to buy this one - ([LINK](#)).

Kind Regards,

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Please forward this e-mail to your photographer friends, maybe we can make a connection that otherwise would never happen. The world of photography is vast and only getting bigger. Also, I can sometimes change safari dates to accommodate folks, so if you would like to do a custom date, or see if I can switch a date, just let me know.

