

March 2026 Newsletter



Hi to Everyone,

While in Utah last weekend for some family events I was able to get out to the West Desert to photograph the wild horses again - and this time we found the large herd. In less than 2 hours I took about 7k images, as we were able to drive right among them, get out and shoot - moving back-and-forth along the quarter-mile length of the herd. Also, while I had heard of a newborn foal on my previous trip, this time I crossed paths with the mare and her new foal a few hundred yards away from the large herd - keeping safely to themselves. Mares have to guard their newborns because the horses can be very aggressive with new horses in the herd, even newborns - and the dominant stallions can injure or trample a new foal if it is a male. I have seen mares be very protective of their foals - biting and shoving other horses with their bodies to keep them away, going so far as stand above them while they nap.

Even though a large number of the mares are given birth control by BLM herd managers, there are still many foals born every spring. On my first trip out in January, following the first YNP winter safari, we photographed a young foal - maybe

1-2 weeks old. I photographed the same mare and foal on the next trip in February, then again on this trip. While still moving around near the mare, this little cream colored foal with a forehead star was much larger and more independent two months later.

In the photos below, the foal was just a week or two old in the photo on the left - while he is 2 months older in the image on the right and his forehead star is getting more defined.



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Week old Wild Horse Colt | Utah Wild Horse Safari amwestphoto.com



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Young Foal | Utah Wild Horse Safari amwestphoto.com

Some of the horses in the herd were different from the earlier safaris, but I recognized many. To be honest, I'm a bit surprised to be able to identify the horses as easily as I did. There were small family groups within the larger herd that I had seen previously that were still together. Most of the behavior and interaction I witnessed came from the many stallions that were part of the herd. The American Paint horses were probably the easiest to identify, with their bold patterns and colors.

I'm anxious to get out among the horses again. The safari on March 31-April 1 ([LINK](#)) will be my last safari out to photograph them until at least the Fall Yellowstone Wildlife Safari. The horses are a rush and if you have ever wanted to photograph wild horses in the American West, there is no better wild horse herd than these.

The Arizona-Texas Bird Safari is coming quickly April 23-29. ([LINK](#)) Last year's safari was packed with some colorful desert birds - but especially Painted Buntings, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher's, Bridled Titmouse, Northern Cardinals, Beryllined Hummingbirds as well as Broad-billed hummers, Arizona Woodpeckers - and two new butterflies - Pipevine and White Peacock. We spend 3 days shooting in the Tucson, Arizona area (Madera Canyon, Saguaro NP, AZ-Sonoran Desert Museum, and other locations) then 3 days in the Laredo, Texas area. **BRP**

**The measure of intelligence is the ability to change.
Albert Einstein**

[Tabiano American Paint | Utah Wild Horse 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](#).

2026 Safari Schedule

March 23 So California Bird Safari ([LINK](#))
March 25 Great Horned Owl Safari ([LINK](#))
March 31-April 1 Utah Wild Horse 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](#)) **1 Opening**
May 18 Peregrine Falcons ([LINK](#))
May 20 Mineral King - Sooty Grouse ([LINK](#))
May 26 to June 2 Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#)) **2 Openings**

June 3 Free Shooting Day

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](#))

July 7 Mineral King - Sooty Grouse ([LINK](#))

July 8 Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))

July 21 Mineral King - Sooty Grouse ([LINK](#))

July 22-23 Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))

August 4-5 Black Bear Safari ([LINK](#))

September 21-26 Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))

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

October 13-14 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

October 20 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

November 10-11 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

November 12 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

December 3 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

December 8-9 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

December 15-17 Bosque del Apache NWR Bird Safari ([LINK](#))

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

2027 Safari Schedule

January 6-7 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

January 14-21 Yellowstone Winter Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))

January 22 Free Shooting Day

February 3 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

February 9-10 Bobcat Safari ([LINK](#))

February 11-18 Yellowstone Winter Wildlife Safari ([LINK](#))

February 19 Free Shooting Day

May 21-28 Yellowstone Spring Safari ([LINK](#))

June 1-7 Yellowstone Spring Safari ([LINK](#))

The Latest Safaris Gallery



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Mare and her new Colt | Utah Wild Horse Safari amwestphoto.com



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Gray Stallion and White Mare | Utah Wild Horse Safari amwestphoto.com



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Buckskin Stallion | Utah Wild Horse Safari amwestphoto.com



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Wild Horse Friends | Utah Wild Horse Safari amwestphoto.com



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Buckskin Stallion-mix | Utah Wild Horse Safari amwestphoto.com



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Horse Disagreements | Utah Wild Horse Safari amwestphoto.com



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Horses chasing each Other | Utah Wild Horse Safari amwestphoto.com



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American Paint Stallion | Utah Wild Horse Safari amwestphoto.com



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Chestnut | Utah Wild Horse Safari amwestphoto.com



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Buckskin | Utah Wild Horse Safari amwestphoto.com



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Last Call Notes:

There are some great trips on the schedule over the next several months. The first of the 2-day Wild Horse Safaris is on March 31-April 1. ([LINK](#)) The Bodie Ghost Town/Eastern Sierras is on April 8-9 ([LINK](#)) is a photographer's paradise with one of the best maintained ghost towns in America, as well as other locations nearby. Also, the Southern Utah Safari is April 13-16 and has an opening. ([LINK](#)) I have one opening for the San Juan Island Fox Safari in my truck, coming from California. ([LINK](#)) Lastly, there are two openings for the Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari, now is the time to book it if you are thinking of participating. Just to emphasize, this is the best wildlife photography in North America. ([LINK](#))

Over the next week or two I will add all the rest of the 2026 safaris. I realize many people like to plan far ahead, but I like to see how the year is shaping up in terms of animals and activity, then I decide if I'm doing more of a particular safari (like black bears) or changing some safaris to concentrate on birds. Lastly, I have single opening for the Morongo Bird Safari on May 4. ([LINK](#))

Fun stuff. I hope you find a safari that fits your photography desires. Come along.

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.

