

October 2026 Newsletter



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Hi to Everyone,

It's been two months since my last newsletter. I've avoided this newsletter because I have to say something about the passing of Bob Sutton in late July, the man I owe the most too in terms of my wildlife photography. Bob was the father of one of my best friends in junior high and high school, and still to this day – a massive 54 years ago. I've known Bob since then. When I was living in St. George (1985-1990), post BYU, and I was pushing into wildlife photography he would come out to photograph the mule deer in Zion during the November rut. He was just transitioning from hunting and flying as hobbies, to wildlife photography. Though I had already known him since 1972, it was the mutual love of wildlife photography that began a journey for us through countless hundreds of safaris, stretching right up until 2026.

Bob was an accomplished hunter, and those skills he had learned were passed down to me on our trips to the national parks we shot in – Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, Zion, Bryce Canyon, the Grand Canyon – and finally to Glacier. He either met me in St. George or Providence for trips north, or I met him in Apple Valley for trips into California. Not only did I learn wildlife identification and stalking skills, but together we figured out the best tactics to photograph the birds and animals we encountered. He gave his big-game heads away, and covered his walls with images he had taken on many of those trips. Being a building contractor, he cut his own frames and wired the ceiling with spotlights to show off his images. In 1998 he showed up in Providence, Utah to help me and his son, Bryan, build my photography studio, and later came to Tulare to build a deck with me. I called him for building, painting, and repair advice around my house, while he called me about camera techniques and digital image processing. He jumped into photography so seriously that he had his own darkroom and processed his own slide film for many years. He had to swallow hard to begin shooting digital images that at one time he called "cheating". When the world went digital, he soon followed, and the conversations changed to computers and Photoshop.

These past few years he began to slow down. He nearly died after a heart attack 16 years ago, but proved the doctor's wrong by continuing to shoot, continuing to get better every year. In the past year I would travel down to Apple Valley and pick him up for day-trips down to shoot birds at Morongo Valley, or ducks at regional refuges. He was game to go every time. A few years ago, he made a request to shoot Glacier National Park, so I set up another Glacier Safari and he was awed by the sheer, steep mountains, wildlife, and tumbling creeks. By the same token he was constantly calling me with new locations he thought I ought to do safaris too. From his phone calls I shot

Lower Klamath NWR, areas around San Diego, Morongo Valley, the poppy fields around Lancaster, and the desert kit foxes south of Apple Valley, and the peregrine falcons at San Pedro, among others. He didn't just shoot with me, but had a network of other friends that traveled with him to photography locations as well.

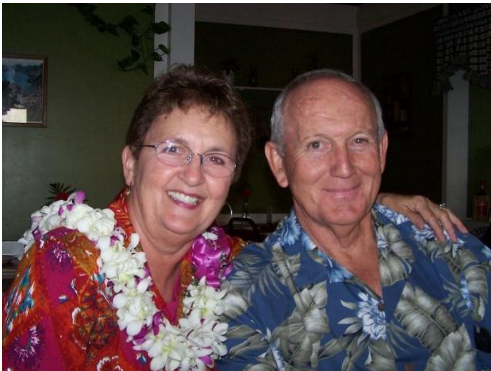
I learned a couple of things from shooting with Bob. Working for Bob along with his son Bryan, I learned to work hard, physically. Much of each summer and many weekends were spent swinging a hammer at a jobsite. Bob always did what he said he would do – and more. All four of my sons got to know Bob, and he was a great example to all of them. Lastly, Bob did everything he could to help his friends with no regard to repayment or the amount of effort it would take. That's the definition of being selfless.



Brent and Bob in Yellowstone



Bob and Brent in Zion



Bob and MaryAnn



Brent and Bryan Golfing



Bob in Mustang Clover in Sequoia

Sorry for the walk through some of my past history, but the world seems like a smaller place now. Bob had just turned 88 years old when he passed – and he was ready. No regrets. He was drafted by the New York Yankees as a pitcher out of high school in 1958. Played 6 years of professional baseball traveling around the country. He was a master carpenter, then a contractor, and even built homes my father had designed. He was a great hunter, and an even better pilot – moving from a pilot's license, instrument rated, then to an instructor's license. He had three great kids, grandchildren, and friends wherever he went. His nearly 70-year marriage to MaryAnn was an accomplishment that he treasured. **BRP**

We recently completed the Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari. The best moments came in the Grand Tetons when we spent a morning photographing several bull moose defending their cows. The elk rut was slow in beginning, and for the first time ever the grizzlies and black bears shut me out. The heat and need for food had pushed the bears very high into the mountains, beyond our reach. The gallery of images will have that safari's highlights.

QUOTE

“The wild still lingered in him and the wolf in him merely slept.” White Fang – Jack London

WALLPAPER

You can see all the **FREE** Wallpaper at this ([LINK](#)). The wallpaper is sized to 1980px by 1080px to easily fit most computer screens. The image below will be the last image added at the bottom of the wallpaper master page, at the link in red. Click on it and it will download into its own window. Then save it to a location on your computer. Go to the monitor screen, right click and select **Personalize**, then find and select it as your wallpaper, and select **Fit**. Or, you can just click on the image to download it.



2026-2027 Upcoming Safari Schedule

September 22	Sequoia Landscape Safari - Link
September 25-Oct 2	San Juan Mtns (CO) Landscape Safari – Link
October 8	Mineral King Landscape Safari - Link
October 13-14	Bobcat Safari – Link
October 20	Bobcat Safari – Link
October 27-30	Southern Utah Fall Colors Safari – Link
November 10-11	Bobcat Safari – Link
November 12	Bobcat Safari – Link
November 24	Bobcat Safari – Link
November 30	Bobcat Safari – Link
December 3	Bobcat Safari – Link
December 7	CA Coast Wildlife Safari – Link
December 8-9	Bobcat Safari – Link

December 15-17	Bosque del Apache (NM) Bird Safari – Link
December 29	Bobcat Safari – Link
December 30	Northern Pygmy Owl Safari - Link
January 4	Bobcat Safari – Link
January 6-7	Bobcat Safari – Link
January 14-21	Yellowstone Winter Wildlife Safari – Link
January 22	Utah Wild Horse Safari – Link
January 27	Northern Pygmy Owl Safari - Link
January 28	Sequoia Snowshoe Safari - Link
February 2	Bobcat Safari – Link
February 3	Sequoia Winter Landscape Safari - Link
February 9-10	Bobcat Safari – Link
February 14-20	Yellowstone Winter Wildlife Safari – Link
February 21	Utah Wild Horse Safari – Link
February 25	Bobcat Safari – Link
March 1	Southern California Bird Safari - Link
March 3	Bobcat Safari - Link
March 15-16	Lower Klamath NWR Safari – Link
March 24-25	Utah Wild Horse Safari – Link
March 30	Santa Cruz Island Fox Safari - Link
April 6	Great Horned Owl Safari - Link
April 13-14	Eastern Sierras Spring Landscape Safari – Link
April 16	California Poppy and Wildflower Safari - Link
April 19-23	Arizona-Texas Bird Safari - Link
April 27-30	Southern Utah Spring Safari – Link
May 5-7	San Juan Island (WA) Fox Safari – Link
May 13	Morongo Valley Bird Safari - Link
May 15	Peregrine Falcon Safari - Link
May 18-20	Magee Marsh (OH) Bird Safari – Link
May 26	Black Bear Safari - Link
June 1-7	Yellowstone Spring Wildlife Safari – Link
June 8	Utah Wild Horse Safari – Link
June 16	Black Bear Safari – Link
June 28	Black Bear Safari – Link

GALLERY



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Harem Bull Moose | Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Bull Moose watching two cows | Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Mule Deer Buck in Velvet | Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



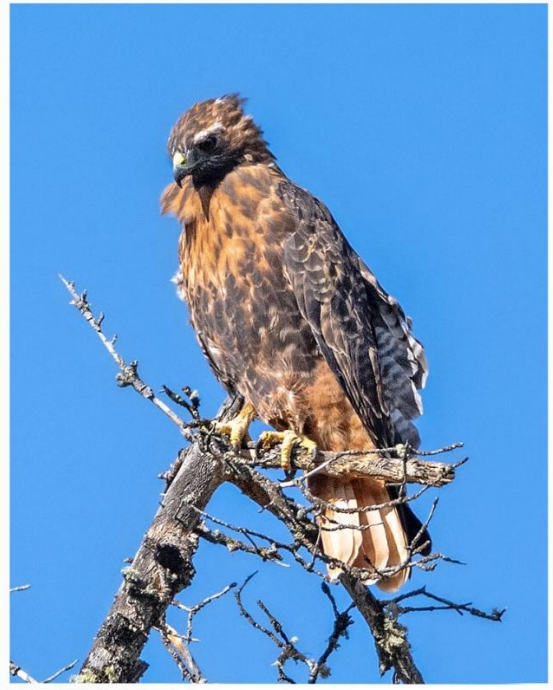
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Red-tailed Hawk | Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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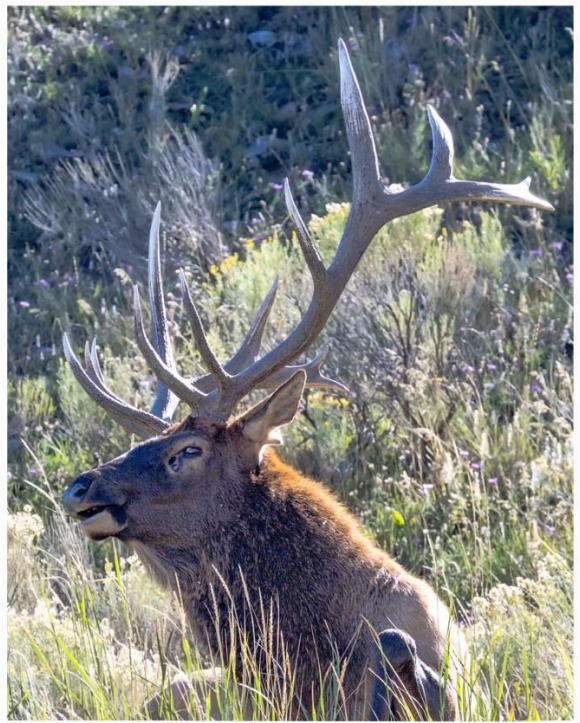
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Dark-eyed Junco | Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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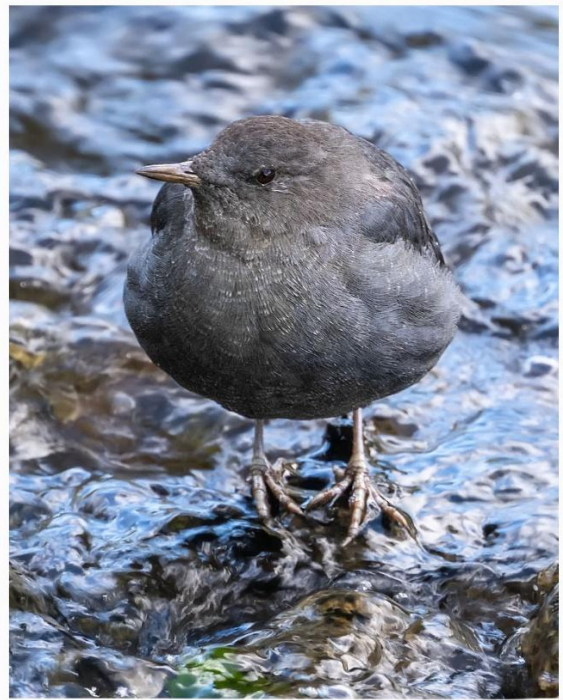
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7x7 Harem Bull Elk | Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Bull Bison eyeing another bull | Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Sunrise on a dominant Bull Moose | Yellowstone Fall Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com



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Stallions fighting | Utah Wild Horse Safari amwestphoto.com



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Stallion (rear horse) moving his Herd | Utah Wild Horse Safari amwestphoto.com



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Herd moving to Simpson Springs | Utah Wild Horse Safari amwestphoto.com



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Last Call Notes

As is typical in Grand Teton National Park, we found some great moose bulls in the sagebrush flats near and throughout the Gros Ventre Campground next to the Gros Ventre River. We found two dominant bulls, and about 5 cows and one small bull that kept getting chased away from the cows. Other highlights included the juvenile harlequin ducks at Le Hardy rapids doing what these crazy birds do around water, and got to witness the juveniles drive female common mergansers away. The pika were busy at various locations such as on Sylvan Pass and at Sheepeater Cliffs harvesting and storing food for the winter in their rocky homes. We ran into a number of nice mule deer bucks, both in velvet and polished. The wolves were hunting outside their usual areas so they were only observed through scopes, not cameras. The wild horses in Utah's West Desert were active, and we ran into the first group of about 43 horses, followed by a larger herd of about 140 horses. My next horse safaris are free for those participating in the winter and spring Yellowstone safaris next year.

Since I'm not e-mailing newsletters anymore, please bookmark the safaris page ([Link](#)) so you can see the upcoming photo safaris, as well as changes to the schedule. There are two Yellowstone Winter Wildlife Safari in 2027, one in January and one in February – join us.

Kind Regards,

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Please forward this newsletter 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



Favorite Image from the 2026 Yellowstone Winter Safari



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Black-coated Gray Wolf | Yellowstone Winter Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com