

Urban Wildlife Photo Club

February 2025 Newsletter

Next Membership Meeting: **February 10th 2025**

Online and In-Person meeting at 7:00 PM

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INFORMATION**

Club Contact Information

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A Zoom link for the online meeting will be sent out a few days before the meeting and again as a reminder a few hours before the meeting.

DUES: 2025 Dues need to be paid by March. \$30 for an individual or \$35 for a couple/family. Please send a check to the PO box shown above or bring a check or cash to the next meeting.

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February Program

Our January Presenter will be Bob Stocker; his program will be:
“Some of Colorado’s Non-Native Wildlife”

Bob and his wife Nancy have been club members for more than two decades. He and Nancy have previously given talks about trips to Australia, Tanzania, and Brazil. Lately, Bob has been staying closer to home and photographing invertebrates in their backyard.

Program: When Bob noticed that some of his backyard photos were of non-native species, he thought that he might give a short talk about them at a December meeting. It quickly became apparent that including all the non-native backyard species he had photographed would make his “short talk” too long. His solution to the problem was to offer to give an expanded talk at a general meeting. The expanded talk includes vertebrates, and some species photographed at Colorado sites outside his backyard.

Meeting Location:

We will meet in person at Park Hill United Methodist Church at Montview and Glencoe. We'll also have a Zoom link I'll send out a few days before the meeting.



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Parking is off Glencoe, north of the church. Enter through the double doors on the north side of the church. If no one is there, please do not ring the doorbell as that alerts several people from the church on their mobile phones. Text or call (303) 807-7678 or (303) 589-5414 and someone will come down and let you in.



MEMBER MONTHLY IMAGE SUBMISSION

Members and first-time guests are encouraged to submit images for a gentle critique. We are not a competitive club, but we do strive to help our members learn and improve their photographic skills. Guidelines are below.

We have both open and theme image categories:
February Critique and Theme images due by February 3rd.

Send to: uwpcimages@comcast.net

February Theme - Lonely Tree

March Theme - The Moon

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR IMAGE LABELING, ESPECIALLY THE USE OF SPECIAL CHARACTERS (NO @) AND NAMING NEEDS. If I get really busy, I may not be able to accept images that don't follow these "rules."

PLEASE ADHERE TO THE DATE & SIZE REQUESTED -1MB or less

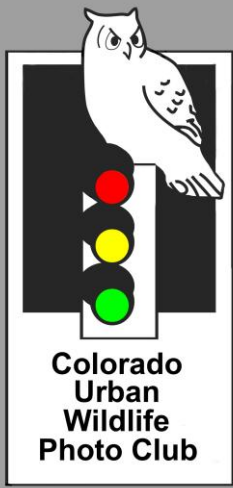
Two categories at each meeting - THEMED AND OPEN

- Maximum of 4 images total and no more than one themed image
- Email files one week before the scheduled meeting to

uwpcimages@comcast.net Please use this one!

- Send themed category images in an email titled 'themed images'
- Send open category images in an email titled 'critique images'
- If your image is selected to appear on the club website, the website caption will be derived from the file name. **Be sure that your name and the image title as you would like them to appear on the website are included in the file name.** Use only letters (a-z and A-Z), numerals (0-9), dashes (-), underscores (_), and the single dot before ".jpg" in file names. Avoid using blanks. Use dashes (-) underscores (_) and capitalization to indicate word boundaries (e.g. Bob_Dean-Trees_In_Snow.jpg or BobDean-TreesInSnow.jpg). It is acceptable to include other information that identifies the image in file names, but you risk the possibility that this information will be misinterpreted by the webmaster. Although it's unlikely, the image BobDean_TreesInSnow_27583.jpg might end up on the website with the title "Trees in Snow 27853."

MEMBER MONTHLY IMAGE SUBMISSION CONT'D



OPTIONAL Descriptive information for each *critique image* should be as follows:

Exposure data should, for example, include f/stop, shutter speed, ISO, any exposure compensation, and any filter information. Post processing enhancements should include only those things beyond simply cropping, sharpening, noise reduction, etc. such as HDR, panorama work, color enhancements, exposure changes, etc. If you can put the image data (if you choose to include it) **as text** in the body of the email as opposed to an attached word or excel file, it would be appreciated! Makes life easier if everyone does the same thing.

Sample table for exposure details

IMAGE	IMAGE TITLE	SPECIES	LOCATION	CAMERA	LENS	EXPOSURE DATA	POST PROCESSING ENHANCEMENTS
Critique 1							
Critique 2							
Critique 3							

Please don't use an @ in the exposure information as when I copy it into the slide presentation, the computer sees it as an email address, and I need to retype rather than copy.

PHOTO CONTESTS

Some thoughts on Photo Contests:

Whenever you think about entering a photo contest you should very carefully read the Ts and Cs. I know that the legalese can be daunting but there are a lot of contests out there that are a “rights grab.” Make sure that the ones you enter specifically lay out the image ownership agreement.

Whenever you send in images to a contest you are entering

into a contract. You really should consider only those contests that have very limited usage of your photos and state in their rules that YOU retain full ownership of the image. When you read the fine print on image usage, watch out for those contests that demand the right to use all your entries for their own purposes, not just the winners.

Contest Information Website;

If you'd like a resource that has just about all the contests out there, take a look at Photo Contest Insider at

<https://www.photocontestinsider.com/contest/all-themes/>

Share the View Gala

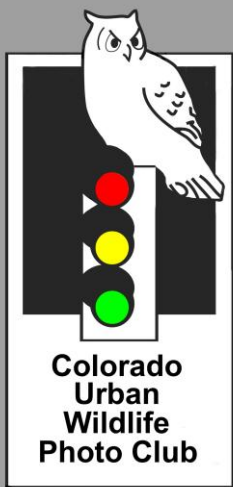
The annual Gala for Share the View is coming up. You should have received an invitation but if not let me know and I'll forward it to the folks sending out the invitations. It will be held at IMAX Auditorium at Legacy Campus, 10035 S Peoria St, Lone Tree, CO 80134 (the old Wildlife Experience) on February 20th. The doors open at 5:30.

The club will have a table there to see if we can recruit some new members. It would be great if we could have a few current members there to help sell the club!

If you can, please let me know and come by around 5:15. For those who do, please remember the “Trade Show” guidelines – engage with new folks rather than current members, please don't stand in front of the signage on the table and HAVE FUN!



Field Trips



Plans for 2025 trips are coming together thanks to a lot of work by Tom Loucks –thank you Tom!

Here is a preview:

Butterfly Pavilion on February 12th at 2 PM is a target, more information coming once we finalize details.

Chatfield Arboretum for Iris bloom in mid May

Arapaho NWR in North Park in mid July, most likely 8th to 10th.

Waterton Canyon in the fall. Tom is working on ideas for this such as timing, using bikes, etc.

Kudos

Share the View Results for UWPC Members

The Club had 11 members in the top 250, with 18 images!



Randy Anderson	1
Vaughn Cottman	1
Karen Fiant	1
Steven Grueber	1
Tom Loucks	3
Charles Needle	2
Jim Picardi	2
Julie Picardi	2
Donna Pyle	1
RC Pyle	2
Bob Stocker	2



Annual Meeting Summary

Our annual meeting was held on January 15th (via Zoom), and we had 23 members in attendance – thank you to all who attended.

We discussed our finances (we're good), membership trends (pretty steady), 2024 overview and 2025 planning.

We then moved on to a discussion of several topics and had great participation.

- Topics:
- Websites – What can we do to get more folks involved in the “other” website:
<https://oururbanwildlife.org/>
 - The way we are organized.
 - Newsletter – It would be great to have more diverse articles and information from our members. Thanks to Alistair Montgomery for his articles this past year.
 - We do need to grow our membership
 - Share the View Gala opportunity on Feb 20
 - Current members recruiting new folks
 - Improve the demographics

Annual Meeting Summary

A summary of the discussion:

Our Urban website:

- Send info to local clubs and pros (Bob)
- Have something at the Share the View Gala table about the website. (Also, Bob)

Print business cards for members to hand out with club info; logo, website info (both), email and PO box

Cards are now available for members to pass out to photographers (or anyone who would be interested) that they meet in the field or anywhere really! I'll bring them to the meetings and to the Gala.



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Dues reminder will be in the February newsletter. (DONE)

Meeting improvements:

- Mic closer to the speaker so when they turn toward the screen they can still be heard by the folks on Zoom.
- Show the speaker on camera during the intro.
- Have the speaker or Bob repeat the questions from the in-person audience.
- Maybe encourage the speaker to sit so they are heard over the mic.
- Have the speaker put something on their website or Facebook page about speaking at our club.

Every seems happy with the way the club is running.

Fred asked for any speaker ideas that folks might have, Laurie said she had a couple.