



Urban Wildlife Photo Club

December 2021 Newsletter

Next Membership Meeting: **December 13, 2021**

Online meeting at 7:00 PM

SEE BELOW FOR MEETING LINK INFORMATION

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A link for the online meeting will be sent out a few days before the meeting and again as a reminder about an hour before the meeting.

December Program:

We've had a great response from you folks for our December meeting. We will have 9 speakers presenting nearly 90 images and videos. The images are really fun, beautiful, eclectic, and cover a wide variety of subjects, places and conditions.

As we mentioned before, we will pass on the critique and theme for December and "focus" on member images from an interesting and trying 2021.

Our 2022 programs and monthly themes are "in process" so stay tuned.



Announcements and Notes

A Meeting Venue

As this Pandemic continues, we will continue to meet virtually. We do plan to get back to in person as soon as possible. The church we were using, as Barbara Berryman noted last month, is undergoing massive construction work including foundation repair. I have no idea when or if we can go back there. Since that option is in question and the Museum is still not interested in external groups, we do need to pursue other locations.

I mentioned at the last meeting that I really need a person or two to help with investigating options. Unfortunately, no one stepped up. I am once again using the dreaded v word-volunteer. Please consider tossing your hat into the ring. Just call or email me and I'll set up a Zoom meeting where we can get this rolling.

Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area

Most of us are at least somewhat familiar with the Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area in central Kansas. I just read a very interesting short article in this month's Ducks Unlimited magazine about that important wildlife habitat. DU and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks have just completed a fundraising campaign to pay for habitat restoration. They received \$680,000 in pledges, nearly twice the goal, to pay for replacing aging infrastructure, clear intrusive vegetation and to clean/repair water control facilities.

This area is the largest inland wetland in the U.S. and supports over 350 bird species. Nearly 50% of our shorebirds and most of our endangered whooping cranes use Cheyenne Bottoms each year during spring and fall migrations. Hopefully, many of us can visit and enjoy this resource in the future.

Writers Wanted for our newsletter

We are ALWAYS looking for material to put in the newsletter and on the Urban Wildlife website. If you want to be "published," feel free to write (and add images if you want) on any subject about which you think the members would like to read. Don't worry about grammar or style, we'll do a bit of editing if you'd like. Send them to uwpc@comcast.net



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The other website!

Contributions to oururbanwildlife.org have been stagnant for a few months. At this point, we don't need any administrative help with the site, but we do need contributions. Here are some of the ways that folks could help:

- Contributing photos
- Contributing blog posts (Curtis *might* edit posts, but only lightly for clarity)
- Links to blogs or websites.
- Soliciting others to write blog posts – any friend, acquaintance, or family member with special interest or knowledge of wildlife would be welcome
- Contributing articles
- Finding articles that we can reprint and getting permission to do so.
- Promoting the site to other clubs. I've found that promoting the site in person has been more effective than other methods.
- Promoting the site on social media. We already have a Facebook page set up for it and could add folks as admins to that page. We can work together to set up Twitter or other social media accounts.
- Contacting “celebrity” photographers for contributions – written or photographic. These folks could be known as photographers – such as John Fielder – or known for other work (journalism, politics, business, etc.) with an interest in photography – such as Tom Green on 9 News.

Please consider doing something to help this project along! If you have questions, contributions or ideas and are not sure what to do, contact me at uwpc@comcast.net or Curtis Johnson at curtis.e.johnson@comcast.net



Kudos

If anyone has an image published, places in a contest or gets any kind of recognition for their work, please let us know and we'll get it into the newsletter. Also, if you are doing something for the wildlife in our state shoot me an email. Please do use email: uwpc@comcast.net to alert us. (If you tell me verbally at the online meeting or on the phone, I can almost assure you that I'll forget!)

Articles:



Just think – your article could be here!



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.

The 2021 **Share the View International Photography Contest** is now open. Entries must be in by December 1st. All the information and entry link can be found on:

<https://sharetheview.contestvenue.com/index.php>

BBC Wildlife Magazine Monthly Photo on-going Contest Information at:

<http://www.discoverwildlife.com/your-photos/photo-contest>

CEFF International Environmental Photography Contest and Exhibition

<https://www.gogophotocontest.com/ceff>

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/>