

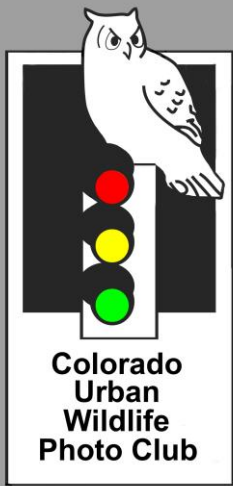
Urban Wildlife Photo Club

July 2024 Newsletter

Next Membership Meeting: **July 8th, 2024**

Online meeting at 7:00 PM

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INFORMATION**



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

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July Program

Setting Up an Outdoor Photo Studio for Bird Photography

Join Ruth Hoyt as she presents her program and demonstrates techniques for setting up an outdoor photo studio specifically for bird photography.



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She shares some of the tips and techniques she uses when consulting with ranch owners who want to build photo blinds for photography — what we want (photographs) and what the subjects need (food, water, shelter, and a place to rear their young).

Don't worry; you don't have to own a ranch for your outdoor photo studio. Ruth adapts her program to include back yards and other, smaller settings.

The slide show demonstrates how Ruth attracts a variety of species to a photo area and prepares photographers for some specialty birds and surprise visitors, as well as details she includes in photo areas, such as water sources, foods to offer, and a key ingredient — having fun!

**Meeting Location:
Online Only**

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:
July Critique and Theme images due by July 1st
Send to: uwpcimages@comcast.net

- July Theme – Fences
- August Theme - Fog



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.

Any Contests I should include??

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/>



Field Trips

We have scheduled more 2024 field trips. Tom Loucks has done a great job setting up these trips. THANKS Tom!



- Field Trip to Duraplaq in Longmont after some shooting for fall color at Walden/Sawhill ponds in Boulder. Date is Oct 17th.
- Field Trip to Cumbres and Toltec Scenic RR
 - ✓ October 1st
 - ✓ 10:00 AM Train to Chama from Antonito
 - ✓ Dinner afterwards in Antonito at Dos Hermanas Mexican Restaurant.
 - ✓ You will need to make your own train and lodging reservations ASAP.
 - ✓ Train reservations: <https://cumbrestoltec.com/schedule/>
 - ✓ Several of us had already booked seats in the Deluxe car (Parlor was already full!). Coach should be available if Deluxe is full but HURRY!
 - ✓ Some of us have already booked rooms at the Hampton in Alamosa as well.

Bemis show

We are getting close to the July 1st start date for the Bemis show. We have a bunch of images that folks have agreed to submit.

Al has done a great job of balancing this with a lot of stuff in his busy personal life.

We plan the “hanging of the art” on July 1st starting at 9 AM. Please bring your print to the library at that time. We plan on lunch afterward for anyone who wants to come. Library address is: 6014 S Datura St, Littleton, CO 80120

Lakewood Photo Contest and Calendar Project

We are moving forward – slowly - on this possible project. My travel and up coming knee replacement have it on hold until later in July. We have reached agreement on photographer’s image rights.

