

Urban Wildlife Photo Club

August 2026 Newsletter

Next Membership Meeting: **August 10, 2026**

Online and In Person at 7:00 PM

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A Zoom link for the online meeting is included in the email and in this newsletter and will be sent again as a reminder a few hours before the meeting.

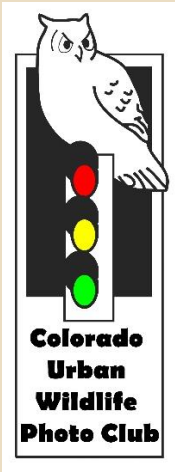
Zoom Link for August

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83138585228?pwd=O38aafoNEDa5dKdhAQlWJ34LcTL7dq.1> 6:45 sign in!

Our speaker has asked that as many members as possible attend in person! Hopefully the new A/C unit will be installed and the room with be less “toasty” than last month!

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August Program

Our August program will feature Rob Palmer presenting his program: "My Life with Birds."

Meet Rob: Passionate Wildlife Photographer & Raptors Expert

With a deep connection to wildlife that started in his childhood, Rob has spent his life exploring and capturing the wonders of nature—especially birds of prey. From studying prairie falcons in Northeastern Colorado to researching screech owls in Boulder, Colorado, Rob's passion for raptors has driven both his studies and his photography.

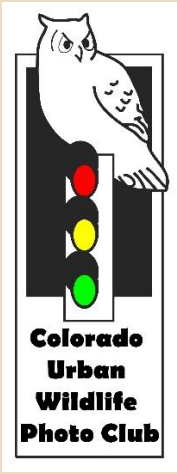
Background & Experience:

Rob's journey began in college, where he spent countless hours studying raptors. After teaching life science and biology for seven years, he dedicated his time to mastering wildlife photography. His passion culminated in the creation of the book *Sky Hunters, The Passion of Falconry*—a definitive work on falconry published in 2008.

A Lifelong Photographer Rob's love for photography began at age 12, capturing images with a Polaroid camera before advancing to a 35mm SLR. His dedication to the craft led him to become the school photographer in high school, where he honed his skills.

Over the years, Rob's photos have graced the pages of major publications like *Audubon Magazine*, *Nature's Best*, *National Wildlife*, and *BBC Wildlife*, among others.

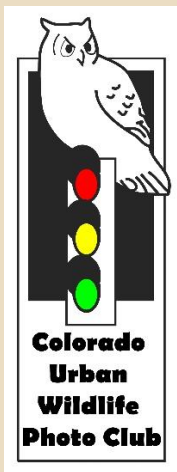
Capturing Nature's Majesty Rob's work doesn't just document wildlife—it celebrates the beauty, power, and grace of nature's most magnificent creatures. His photos have been featured in global ads, including in *Business Week*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and Sotheby's Auction House.



Meeting Location

We meet in person at Park Hill United Methodist Church at Montview and Glencoe. We'll also have a Zoom link that is in this newsletter and email plus it will be sent a few hours before the meeting.

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. Please send critique and theme images in separate emails with subject Critique or Theme

August Critique and Theme images due by August 3rd.

August Theme – Reflections

September Theme - Leading Lines

PLEASE ADHERE TO SIZE -1MB or less

Two categories at each meeting - THEMED AND OPEN

- Maximum of 4 .jpg 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'
- Please ensure that the image file name includes your name so that if we choose to include that image in the monthly pictures on the website, we can give proper credit.
- When renaming your images please use only letters numerals, 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).
- Optionally you can include information on location, species, exposure, equipment, etc. Please format it as text in the email, not a table. Here is the format we'd like for the critique images (up to 4).

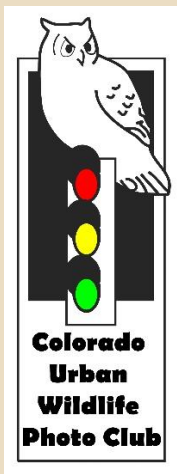
Image No. 1 Name

Species and/or location

Camera/Lens

Exposure Data (focal length, f stop, ISO, filter) DO NOT USE @ in the data.

Post processing beyond cropping, sharpening and minor adjustments.



Opportunity to Recruit!

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.



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Club website

<https://couwpc.com/>

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<https://oururbanwildlife.org/>

Email

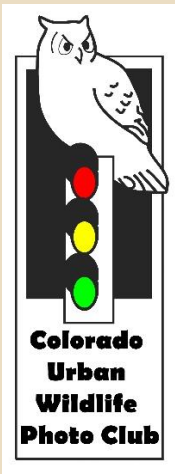
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Feel free to take a few and have them in your wallet or camera bag.

We also have club brochures if you would like to take a few to pass out or take to a place where photographers gather 😊.



Field Trip Update:

The Monument Valley Trip:

Schedule the trip sometime between Nov 2 to 11. We prefer during the week to avoid crowds, realizing some folks still must work during the week. So please reach out to Don with your preferences for dates, donaldstark@gmail.com We'll try to accommodate the most members that we can.

Outline of the trip is the same. A single day with a guided sunrise tour and a guided sunset tour to give us access to the monument after hours when the light is best. These two tours will run us a total of around \$300-350. For those interested in a longer trip we can do an optional add on of Hunts Mesa (from 2 pm to 9 pm) for \$350, or an overnight to Hunt's Mesa for \$650. For lodging we think we should stay at Gouldings Lodge for around \$200 a night. We ruled out the View Hotel because they have a three-day minimum and are charging around \$400 per night.

Don is also working on the VLA tour and star party, which are planned for December 12th at the VLA west of Socorro NM and at Cathie Haven's house about an hour west of the VLA.

Don has contacted those folks who signed up for last year. The VLA tour is planned for noon and if additional folks are interested in that, no problem. The star party at Cathie's house is limited so if you were not on the original list, let Don know of your interest and we can do a "wait list."

Pop Up trips:

Tom is working a couple places, and we will get that information out as soon as possible.