

# Urban Wildlife Photo Club

July 2026 Newsletter

Next Membership Meeting: **July 13, 2026**

Online and In Person at 7:00 PM

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## Club Contact Information

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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.

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Zoom Link for July

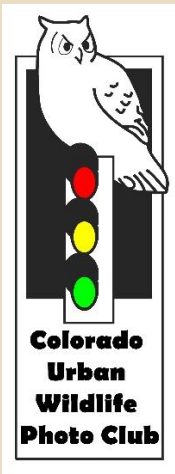
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82313387347?pwd=3mUb7uPsUqhBlM6o4EXZOoEAOD1je.1>

Sign in at 6:45 or later

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## June Program

Our July program will feature member Tammy Hammond presenting her program:

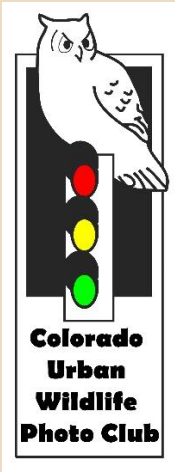
### ***Bee Aware: The Native Challenge***

#### **Program description:**

Over 1000 species of native bees can be found in Colorado. With an estimated 4,000 native bee species found in the United States, this places Colorado fifth in the nation for the most diversity of wild, native bees. This program will expand upon Tammy Hammond's prior UWPC short program, *Discovering Bees: Finding Colorado's Natives*. Tammy will share techniques used to photograph bees, including bees in flight, and offer tips for recognizing and identifying the many native bees found in Colorado. *Bee Aware: The Native Challenge* is furthermore a journey, of how Tammy bridges familiar wildlife photography methods to expose and capture stories within the often-overlooked world of native pollinators.

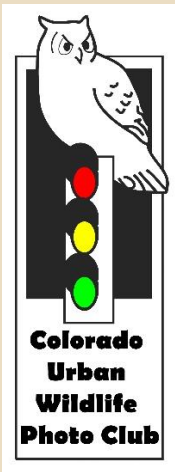
Tammy Hammond is a wildlife and nature photographer, based in Colorado. Being outdoors, hiking, exploring and experiencing a connection to the natural world has always been an innate part of her photographic direction and expression. Her work centers primarily around wildlife but also includes projects highlighting subject content unique to Colorado, such as historic one-room schoolhouses, modified Ute trees (controversially named), and Milky Way nightscapes that showcase dark sky locations. Photographing Colorado's native bees, and capturing their diversity, is one of Tammy's most challenging, ongoing projects. A steadfast proponent of photography clubs, Tammy is currently a member of Colorado Urban Wildlife Photo Club and The Photographic Society of America Worldwide.

## 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

July Critique and Theme images due by July 6th.

July Theme – After Dark

August Theme - Reflections

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](mailto: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).

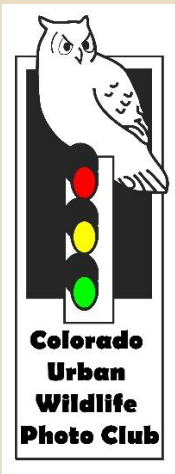
**Image No. 1 Name**

**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.

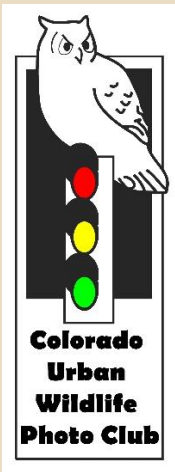


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Feel free to take a few and have them in your wallet or camera bag.

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:

We have been busy working on several Field trip plans. Thanks to Tom Loucks and Don Stark we now have plans evolving for two major trips and some ideas for Pop Up trips.

Monument Valley in the fall is being planned by Don, he's currently working with the guides to get a firm date – stay tuned as we'll have the plan soon! It will most likely be late September or early October.

Don is also working on the VLA tour and star party, which are planned for December 12<sup>th</sup> at the VLA west of Socorro NM and at Cathie Haven's house about an hour west of the VLA. We have the folks who had planned to go on this trip last year before Cathie's illness prevented it. She's doing well right now but has a check-up in August. Let's hope she continues her recovery.

Don will (or has) contacted those folks. 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.