



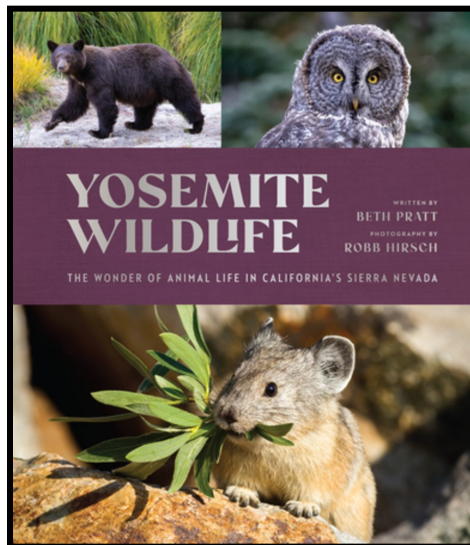
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Yosemite Wildlife: **The Wonder of Animal Life in California's Sierra Nevada**



By Beth Pratt

With photography by Robb Hirsch

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YOSEMITE, CALIF. — Yosemite Conservancy is pleased to announce *YOSEMITE WILDLIFE: THE WONDER OF ANIMAL LIFE IN CALIFORNIA'S SIERRA NEVADA* (Hardcover; October 21, 2025) by Beth Pratt and with photography by Robb Hirsch — the first comprehensive book in more than a century dedicated entirely to Yosemite's remarkable wild animal world.

Countless books have been written about Yosemite National Park's renowned scenery, yet as incredible as it is to us, **Half Dome is also somebody's home**. Social media is flooded with people all over the world sharing their excitement about the antics of the park's distinctive residents: black bears causing traffic in "bear jams," mule deer grazing in Ahwahnee Meadow and coyotes sauntering in the shadow of El Capitan. Developed and authored by wildlife advocate and conservation leader author Beth Pratt, with photography by naturalist, biologist and photographer Robb Hirsch, *Yosemite Wildlife* goes beyond the

field guides and offers extensive portraits of the park's creatures — a remarkable new publication sure to be welcomed by the more than 4 million annual park visitors and anyone interested in the Sierra Nevada.

Readers will discover:

- 150+ species, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and insects
- 300+ photographs and archival images
- Commonly and rarely seen animals
- Rewilding success stories
- Profiles of the park scientists and others who protect wildlife

This lively and accessible blend of storytelling, the latest research, natural history, and compelling wildlife photographs fills a **100-year gap in publishing** that will deeply connect people to this world-renowned national park in California. Crafted over decades by writer and conservation leader Beth Pratt to fulfill her vision of continuing the legacy of Grinnell & Storer's landmark 1924 work, *Animal Life in the Yosemite*. Beth's writing is accompanied by the work of naturalist-photographer Robb Hirsch, who spent more than 30 years in the field photographing animals so as not to impact them by his presence; his photography tells a distinct story of the park's dazzling wildlife at its most undisturbed.

***Yosemite Wildlife* shines a spotlight on species that not only make their homes in the park but also come with only-in-Yosemite stories** such as those charismatic bears, the peregrine falcons brought back from the brink of extinction in part by big wall rock climbers, and the tiny amphibians that persist on the tallest peaks.

The book celebrates decades of conservation and observation — by visitors and professionals — through highlighting charming and nostalgic pieces from the park's Archive, such as reproductions of handwritten wildlife observation cards and articles excerpted from the beloved *Yosemite Nature Notes* magazine. Some of this archival material has never been published!

This image-rich, engagingly readable volume is a feast for the eyes and has been crafted to appeal to anyone eager to dip in and find out more about Yosemite's enchanting wildlife. Yet the breadth and depth of information will also serve as an excellent reference for educators and scientists.

Yosemite is one of America's most precious wild places. *Yosemite Wildlife* does this distinction proud, showcasing the creatures of the park that are as captivating as the spray of Yosemite Falls, the dizzying heights of Glacier Point or the iconic Half Dome.

Proceeds from the sale of *Yosemite Wildlife* directly support Yosemite National Park.

***Yosemite Wildlife* publishes on October 21, 2025. For more information, please reach out to James Faccinto of Full Complement Communications at James@Full-Complement.com.**

About the Author

Beth Pratt, wildlife advocate and author, has worked in environmental leadership roles for over thirty years, and in two of the country's largest national parks: Yosemite and Yellowstone. Pratt leads the National Wildlife Federation's #SaveLACougars campaign to build the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing outside of Los Angeles. Her innovative conservation work has been featured by the New Yorker, the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, BBC World Service, CNN, CBS This Morning, the Los Angeles Times, Men's Journal, the Guardian, NPR, AP News, and more. She is also the author of *I Heart Wildlife* and *When Mountain Lions are Neighbors*. Beth makes her home outside of Yosemite, her "north star," with her dogs and cats, and the mountain lions, bears, foxes, frogs, and other wildlife that frequent her backyard.

About the Photographer

Robb Hirsch studied ecology and worked as a field biologist for the California State Parks, USGS, and private biology firms prior to his nature photography career. He publishes his images in books, calendars and magazines and leads photography workshops throughout the Sierra Nevada. His primary focus is using quality imagery for outreach, education and conservation, facilitating a deeper appreciation of the natural world. Robb is the author/photographer of *The Nature of Yosemite: A Visual Journey*. He and his wife, Regina, own Mountain Sage, a gallery-café-plant nursery in the Yosemite gateway community of Groveland, CA, where he lives.

ABOUT YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY PUBLISHING

Yosemite Conservancy helps visitors connect with Yosemite through adventures, volunteering, philanthropy, and the arts. It's the only nonprofit dedicated solely to supporting Yosemite National Park, and funds grants to improve trails, restore habitat, protect wildlife, and inspire the next generation of nature lovers.

Yosemite Conservancy Publishing has been publishing Yosemite books, maps and guides since the 1920s. Today, it focuses on publications that support the Conservancy's mission of educating and inspiring people to preserve Yosemite and enrich the visitor experience. Learn more at yosemite.org.

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