

The Colorado Urban Wildlife Photo Club was founded by Wendy Shattil and the late Bob Rozinski as a source of images of Urban Wildlife for a book project. The club was part of a group known as the Urban Wildlife Partnership, made up of many organizations ranging from Audubon to Division of Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife and The Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The goal of the Partnership was to bring attention to the wildlife with whom we share our urban environment. The book *Close to Home – Colorado's Urban Wildlife* was published in 1990. It's still available (used) online. After the book project, the club continued and is still active today.

To rekindle our roots, club members have undertaken a new project to “refocus” on urban wildlife. In place of a hardcover book we have developed a twenty-first century platform. Our new website <http://www.oururbanwildlife.org> is designed as to:

- ▣ Promote education about wildlife in general and urban wildlife in particular
- ▣ Discuss the impact of climate change and habitat loss on wildlife
- ▣ Provide a place to show images of urban wildlife
- ▣ Promote the work of wildlife photographers

To this end:

- ▣ We need images (the internet is, above all, a visual medium)
- ▣ We need blog posts. The general topics are listed on the website. Feel free to interpret those topics in any way you choose.
- ▣ We'd like longer form articles
- ▣ In order to bring viewers back to the site, it must continually provide fresh content
- ▣ Look at the site as an opportunity to promote your own work – photographic and written

What's our “Market?”

- ▣ Ultimately, we want anyone interested in urban wildlife to visit and contribute to the site.
- ▣ We intend to start with Colorado and expand to a geographically broader audience.
- ▣ We won't limit the geography of the images or the blog posts. We will accept images and posts from around the world, as long as they relate to urban wildlife. The definition of urban is flexible. Photos made in or near a human populated area qualify. The “hand of man” is not necessary although it would be nice.

We are reaching out to Colorado camera club members to ask for image and blog/article submissions. The process is simple, there is no competition involved and the guidelines are pretty straight forward. If you want to participate, just go to the website and follow the instructions. Of course credit will be given to all who submit.