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The *Montana Outdoors* annual photo issue is all about the “what” of Montana, the places and creatures that contribute to the state’s renowned outdoors. The stunning photographs therein are yearly reminders of why all of us stubbornly refuse to leave this beautiful state, despite the low wages, harsh winter wind chills, and late-summer smoke.

The rest of the year, *Montana Outdoors* brings you the “how” of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. How this department and its many partners conserve and manage the state’s wildlife, state parks, and fisheries for our enjoyment today and that of Montanans and state visitors in the years to come. How it is that so many wild animals, historic sites, and scenic landscapes remain here in such abundance. And, for fish and wildlife populations struggling to survive, how FWP and others work to protect and restore those species.

We schedule the photo issue to arrive at homes during late December, just in time for the holidays. For many subscribers, oohing and aahing over the remarkable images has become a traditional way to celebrate the beauty and grandeur of Montana with friends and family.

After the festivities, consider keeping this issue out on a coffee table throughout the year—as a reminder of both just how wild and wondrous Montana still is, and of what we all could lose if we don’t continue pulling together to keep it that way.

—Tom Dickson, Editor

RON HOFF

Above: Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge, Mission Mountains

RANDY SMITH

Right: Whitetail buck

KEVIN LEAGUE

Cover: Soapweed yucca blooming on a rim of the Terry Badlands Wilderness Study Area, about 40 miles northeast of Miles City







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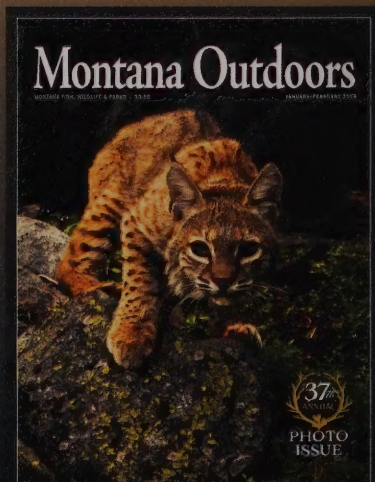
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ZACK CLOTHIER

Above: Whitetail fawn hiding on the forest floor, Swan Valley

DUANE HUIE

Left: Pronghorn fawn, south of Livingston

ADDIE AHERN

Opposite page: Cow moose tending to her newborn calf, along the Rocky Mountain Front west of Augusta







CHUCK HANEY

Above: Water splashing over rocks in Avalanche Creek, Glacier National Park

NICHOLAS PARKER

Opposite page: Waves crashing onto the shore of St. Mary Lake, Glacier National Park

BRANDON KIESLING

Top: Avalanche Creek, Glacier National Park

LON E. LAUBER

Right: Westslope cutthroat trout





JOHN LAMBING

Above: Autumn sunrise
over the Powder River,
near Broadus

ERIN BRAATEN

Right: Bitterroot





JOHN ASHLEY

Left: Rocky Mountain maple

ELIZABETH MOORE

Below: Orange-crowned warbler, Giant Springs State Park

NICOLE KEINTZ

Bottom: Multiple in-camera exposure of grass at sunset, Helena valley



GLENN PHILLIPS

Below: Black bear sow and cub, Glacier National Park

JAIME AND LISA JOHNSON

Right: Black bear with dead mule deer fawn, northwest Montana

KELLY PEACOCK

Bottom: Black bear sow and triplets, near Many Glacier in Glacier National Park





CHARLES RENFRO

Above: Black bear cub on a cottonwood limb peeling and eating tender spring bark

SAMUEL VEICH BUSSEY

Left: Black bear shaking off in a pond





THERESA JOHNSON

Top left: Snowy owl

ZACK CLOTHIER

Top right: Northern pygmy owl peering out from a nest cavity, Missoula

JOHN C. CARUSO

Above left: Great horned owl with prey remains, Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge

ADDIE AHERN

Above right: Great horned owllet

KALON BAUGHAN

Opposite page: Great gray owl during a snowstorm, near Nevada Creek, Powell County





PAUL S. BROKKE

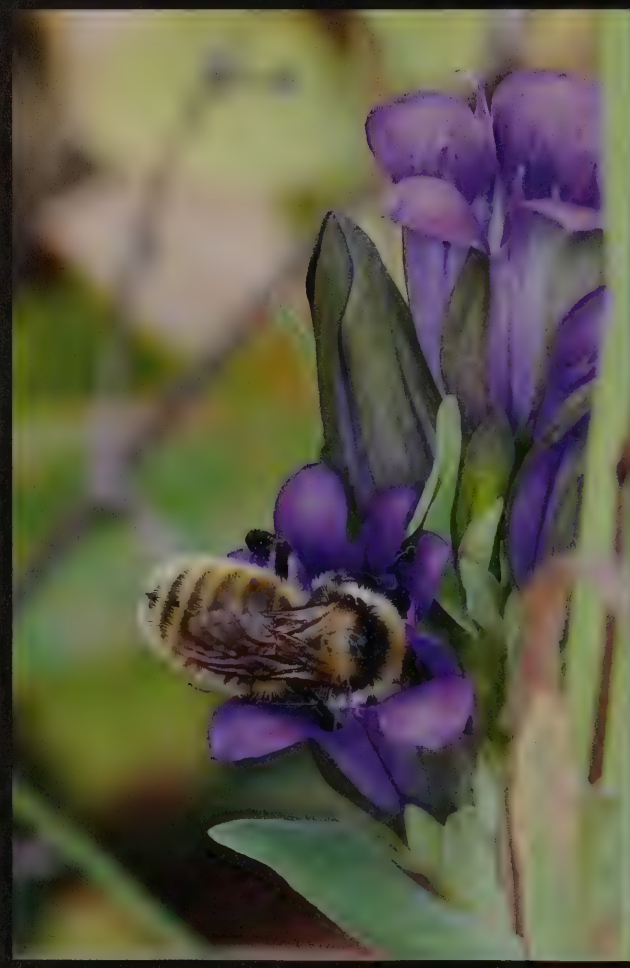
Above: Wildflowers, Gravelly Range, with Black Butte in the background.

KIMBERLY FRENCH-SATTLER

Far right: Ladybug on lupine, Blackfoot Valley

DAN ELLISON

Right: Bumblebee pollinating prairie gentian



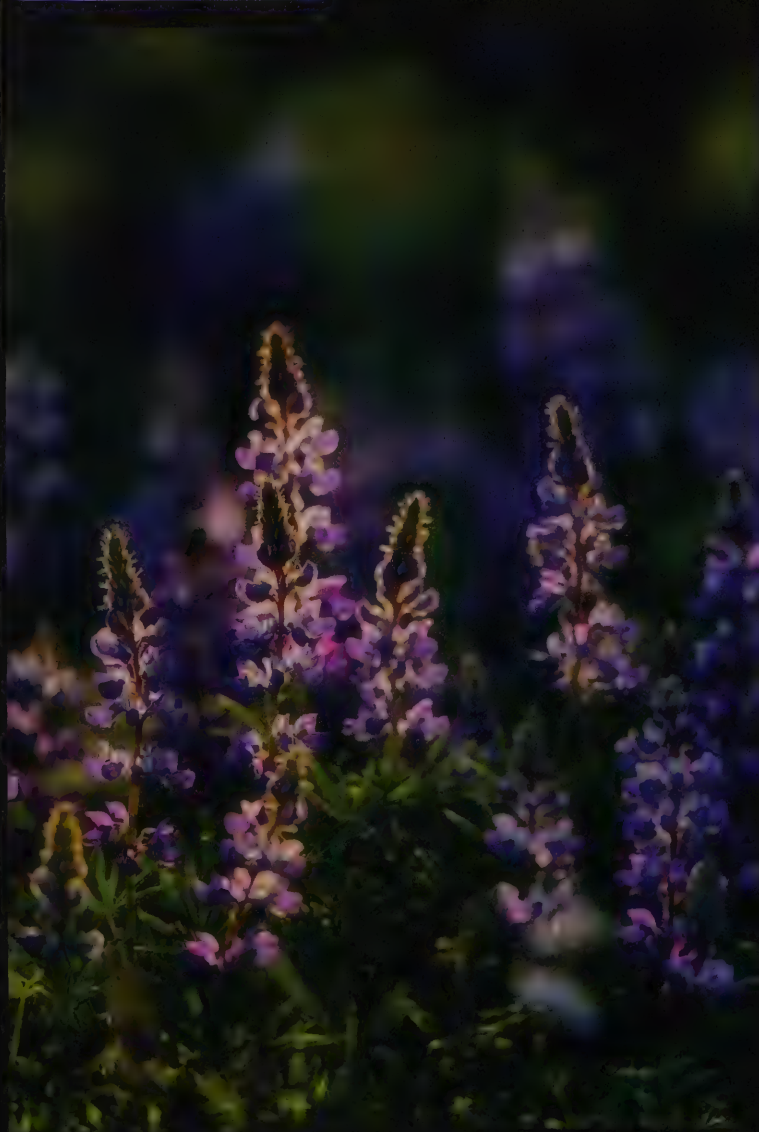


JOAN STEWART
Left: Detail of blooming
camas, Glacier National Park

JOHN CARLSON
Below right: Hoverfly
visiting a harebell.

**JAIME AND
LISA JOHNSON**
Bottom left: Sunlight on
lupine, near Lincoln

ANTHONY PAVKOVICH
Bottom right: Wild iris,
Tobacco Root Mountains





**JESS
MCGLOTHLIN**
Upland bird
hunters, near
Malta



JENNIE MARIE SCHELL

Left: Western meadowlark,
Ruby Valley

TIM CHRISTIE

Bottom: Pronghorn buck
and fawn

ERIN BRAATEN

Below: Male sharp-tailed
grouse dancing on a lek,
near Great Falls





Clickwise from left:

ZACK CLOTHIER

Brook trout leaping for a mayfly at a high alpine lake, Pioneer Mountains

ED COYLE

Rainbow trout splash

KC GLASTETTER

Spawning kokanee salmon, Tobacco River

AUSTIN STOWELL

Brown trout closeup







KEVIN LEAGUE

Above: Northern harrier soaring over a meadow, Gravelly Range.

GARY KRAMER

Below left: Pine grosbeak, Lolo National Forest.

RANDY SMITH

Below right: Red-breasted nuthatch, near Missoula.





STEVE MITCHELL

Above: An adult osprey delivering food to its nestlings

BOB MARTINKA

Below left: Canyon wren

LEE NELSON

Below right: Gray catbird eating buffaloberries, Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area





DAVID DALY

Above: Aerial view of Giant Springs State Park (the Missouri River is to the left of the bridge walkway).



GAIL MOSER

Above: Lichen closeup



ALLEN HAY

Above: Game trails
along a fence line,
near Missoula





JOHN ASHLEY

Time-elapsed shot of aurora borealis over vehicles traversing Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park, taken from the top of Mount Oberlin





BRETT SWAIN

Opposite page: Bighorn ram
and ewe on cliff, Wild Horse
Island State Park

NELSON KENTER

Above: Bull elk



JR MCCURDIE

Bacon Rind Fire, Montana
border of Yellowstone
National Park

PHILIP GRANRUD

First day of the Howe Ridge
Fire, Glacier National Park





JEFF VAN TINE

Fireweed emerging
a year after the Alice Creek
Fire, east of Lincoln

JEFF VAN TINE

Fall colors after
the Alice Creek Fire,
east of Lincoln





JULIE BETTS
Top: Soft-shelled turtle

ALLEN WIEDERRICH
Above: Snapping turtle
laying eggs at Elk Island
Wildlife Management
Area, near Savage

ALLEN WIEDERRICH
Right: Recently hatched
snapping turtles





LISA BAY
Top: Old tree swallow nest
in snow

BECCA WOOD
Above: Golden eaglet and egg,
Beaverhead Rock State Park



ROBERT RUBLE

Opposite page: Wild horses grazing under clouds, Pryor Mountains.

DONNA RIDGEWAY

Above: Bison portrait

BRETT SWAIN

Left: Bison calf in lupine, National Bison Range



JEREMIE HOLLMAN

Above left: Rubber boa

MIKE HINES

Above right: Terrestrial garter snake

JEFF SATTLER

Left: A melanistic form of the garter snake, first recorded by Meriwether Lewis near Townsend and still found in that area occasionally

BECCA WOOD

Below right: Terrestrial garter snake, Beaverhead Rock State Park

ROBERT RUBLE

Below left: Bull snake





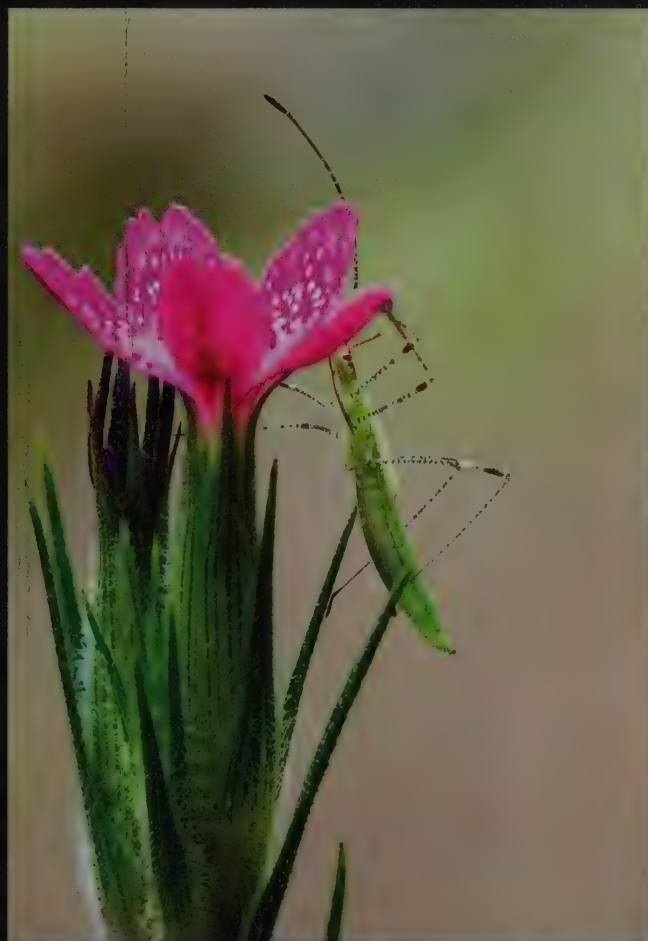
JIM HERRLY
Left: Praying mantis,
National Bison Range

LARRY DEARS
Below: Red-backed
jumping spider



JESSE LEE VARNADO
Above: Red-backed
jumping spider

AARON CLAUSEN
Right: Assassin bug nymph
on a wild dianthus



**NEAL AND
MJ MISHLER**

Right: Eared grebe with
chicks, Benton Lake
National Wildlife Refuge

JOHN WARNER

Below: Carp leaping
near an eared grebe,
Lake Elmo State Park





PAT CLAYTON

Above: Brook trout in a stream, Beartooth Plateau.

STEVEN AKRE

Below: Western painted turtles, National Bison Range.

LISA WRIGHT

Below right: Rainbow trout on the line at the East Fork Recreation Area, near Lewistown.



Clockwise from right:

COLLEEN KILBANE
Bobcat

MARK MILLER
Mountain lion along northern
border (Montana) of
Yellowstone National Park

DONALD M. JONES
Mule deer bucks,
Mission Valley

**KIMBERLY
FRENCH-SATTLER**
Mule deer doe,
near Wolf Creek

BILL KINNEY
Mountain lion feeding
on a mule deer, Big
Belt Mountains







DAN ELLISON

Above: Male mountain bluebirds sparring at Hauser Reservoir, near Helena.

BOB MARTINKA

Right: MacGillivray's warbler

KAREN R. ROGERS

Far right: Sugarbowl clematis, Gallatin County



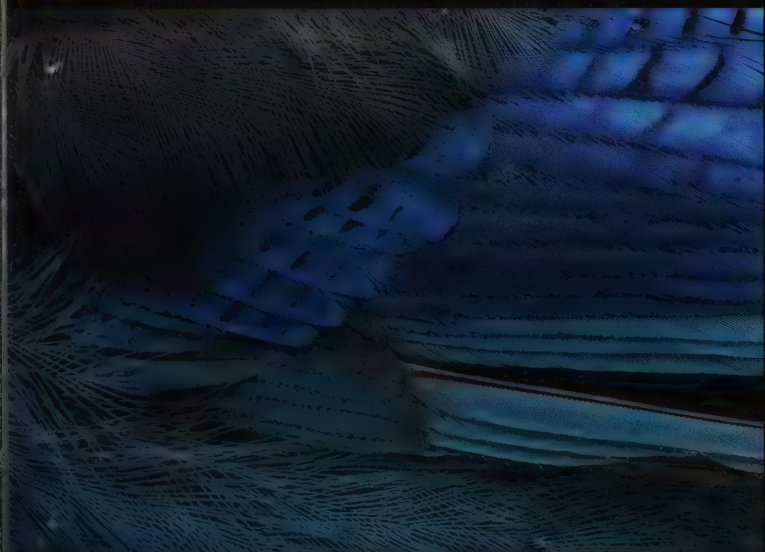


DANNY NESTOR

Above: Tree swallow at Smith Lake, near Kalispell

BOB MARTINKA

Left: Detail of Steller's jay feathers





JOHN CARLSON
Top left: Green metallic
sweat bee on sunflower

D. LINNELL BLANK
Middle left: Autumn
reflections, Glacier
National Park

**LINDA
HAMMERBERG**
Bottom left: Fall foliage,
near Libby

NICOLE KEINTZ
Top right: Fall colors
behind conifer trunks
burned in the 2015
St. Mary Fire

ERIC HEIDLE
Middle right: Wet leaf
on the forest floor,
Middle Fork of the
Judith River

BOB ZELLAR
Bottom right: Wheat and
the rising sun, near
Billings



JERRIE BULLOCK

Above: Fireweed in fall, along the St. Joe River Scenic Byway, near St. Regis

NELSON KENTER

Left: Marsh wren on a cattail stem



CINDY GOEDEL

Right: Young bull moose,
Absaroka-Beartooth
Wilderness

KARL KRIEGER

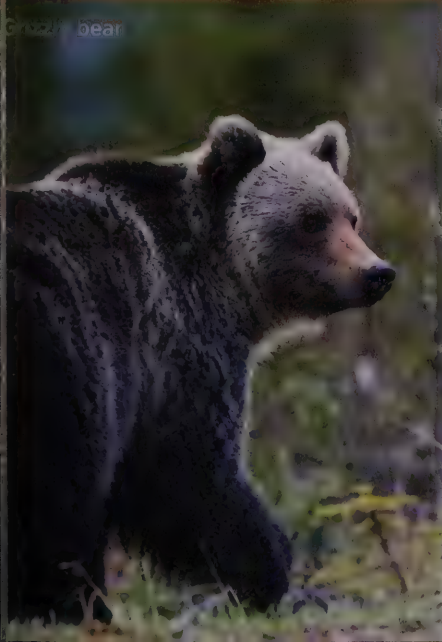
Below left: Bull moose,
near Georgetown Lake

JASON SAVAGE

Bottom: Cow moose



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NOPPADOL PAOTHONG
Above: Male sage-grouse flushing from a lek

NOPPADOL PAOTHONG
Left: Newly hatched sage-grouse chick hiding under sagebrush





JACELYN BRONTE

Above: Thunderstorm
over Gallatin Valley

THOM BRIDGE

Right: Campfire under
a starry night at
Rock Creek

CHRIS MCGOWAN

Opposite page: Milky Way
galaxy over Park Lake,
near Helena





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Whitetail doe and fawn, Mission Valley



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