

# How We Find Wildlife

## Bus Jam Method



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Wildlife  
Paparazzi  
Method



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## Finger Pointing Method



# Bus Driver Hand Signals

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## The Big Five in Denali

- ▣ Bear
- ▣ Moose
- ▣ Dall Sheep
- ▣ Wolf
- ▣ Caribou



# Bus Driver Hand Signals



You are Blocking the Road – Get Out of the Way!

# Wildlife in Denali

## Grizzly Bears

- ▣ Approach not closer than 300 yds
- ▣ Bear can approach closer, if you are in protected enclosure (car, bus, building)



Don't Mess With Me

# Crossed the Road

- ❑ Crossed directly in front of our RV
- ❑ Bus Jam
- ❑ 1000 pounds?





# King of Denali





# Beware of Grizzlies



# Moose

- ❑ Bergman's Rule
  - Warm blooded animals tend to be larger in size in colder climates than the same species in warmer climates
  - Larger mass produces more body heat for survival
- ❑ Alaskan moose tend to be largest in the world
- ❑ Largest Alaskan moose on record – 7.7 feet at the shoulders



Moose Emerging From Sable Creek



# Different Perspective

- ❑ Crossed in front of the RV
- ❑ 100 feet
- ❑ Guess 6-7 feet at the shoulders

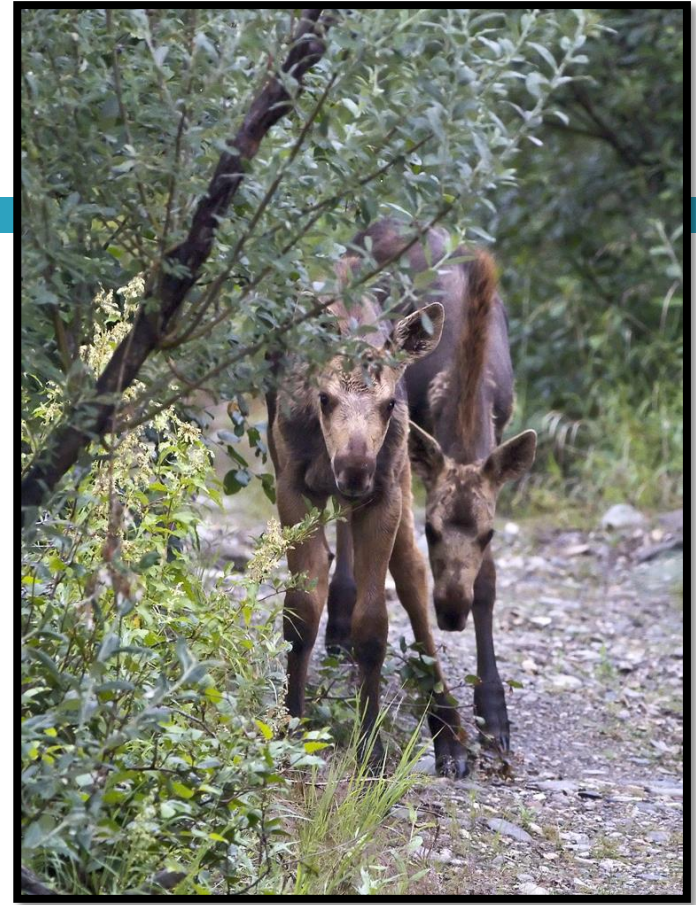




# More Moose



Big Bad Bull



Mischievous Moose



# Abundant Wildlife

## Lynx Love



# Caribou



Rutting bulls charging each other have been known to have their antlers locked together, which can result in death to both animals.



# Short Eared Owl

Taken at 11pm,  
day after summer  
solstice



# More Wildlife



Porcupine





# More Wildlife



Spruced Up Grouse



Traveling Trumpeters



Dammed In Beaver

# And Mosquitos

- ❑ State bird of Alaska
- ❑ Worst in 25 years

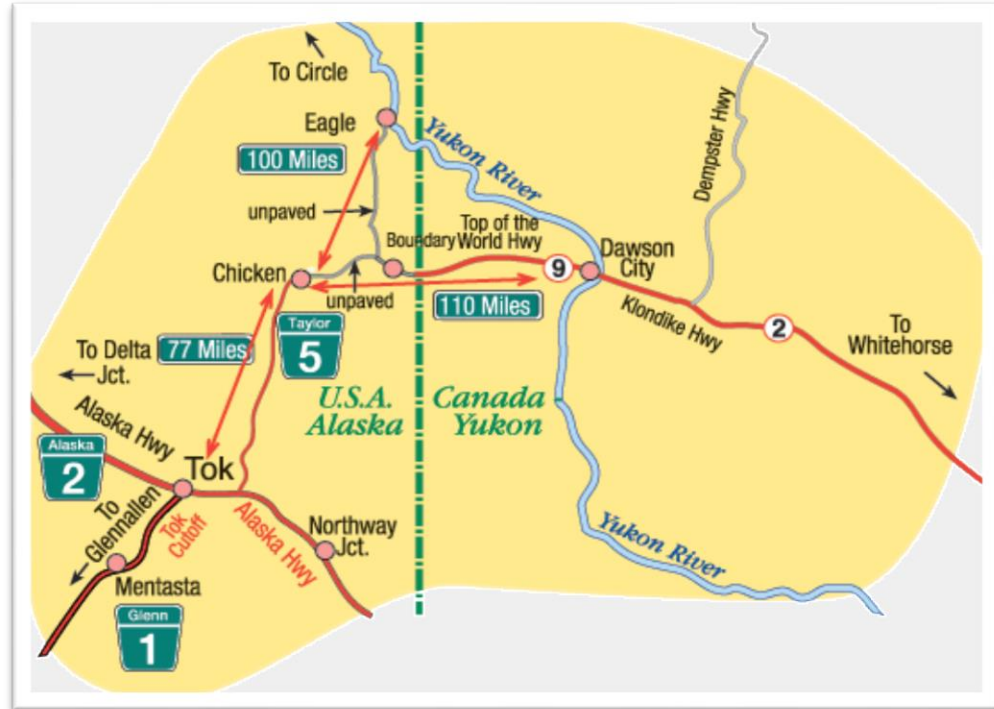




# But No Gas Stations



# Chicken in the Road

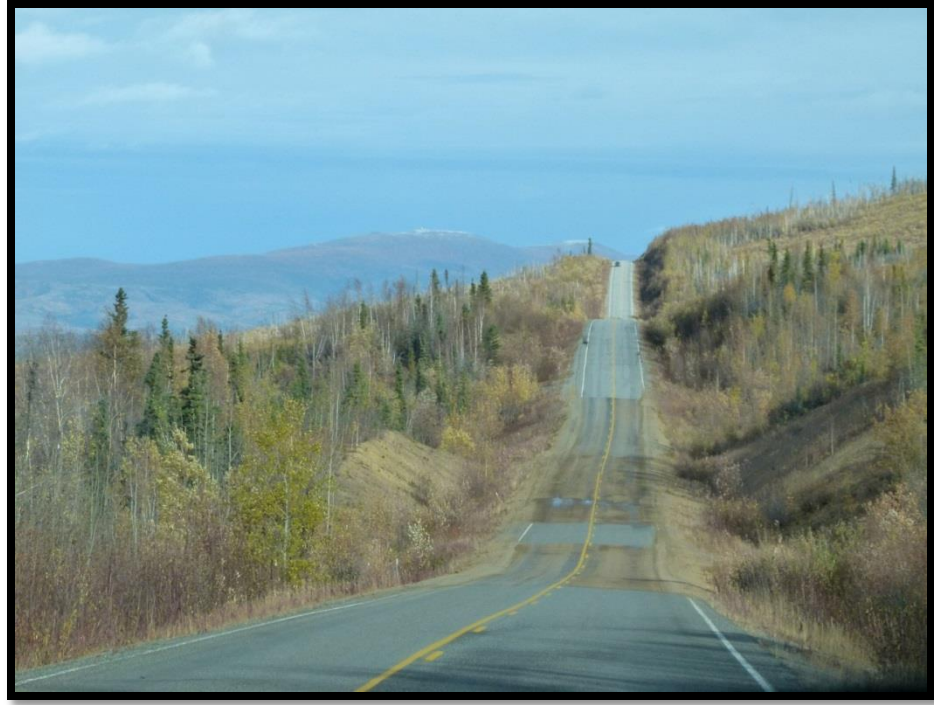




# Taylor – Not a Smooth Highway!

This was the  
beginning...

It got worse!



# Alaska Hunters Seeking Caribou

Political  
Correctness ??



# Coming into Chicken

It could  
have been  
“Ptarmigan”!



# “Beautiful Downtown Chicken”

(Already closed  
for the season)





# Chicken Art District & Festival



# Chicken Gas Station / Cafe

Flush Toilets

Soup du Jour  
(every day)

Residences?



# Final departure from Alaska...



Customs to Canada





# Barking Buck and Great Gray, Yellowstone National Park, WY



## ❑ Pronghorn

- ▣ Fastest land animal in western hemisphere
- ▣ Tend to go under fences rather than jump
  - Do not jump well
  - Fence owners are encouraged to remove bottom rung of fences.
- ▣ Very skittish, always seem to be running from my camera

# My Usual View Thru the Viewfinder



Ears and Rears

# Except in Yellowstone



Barking Buck



Rut Roundup



# Great Gray Owl

- ❑ Crowded Parking Area Method to locate wildlife
  - ▣ Must park in turn-outs, not on road, Yellowstone
- ❑ Why all the cars in this turn-out, but no cameras or spotting scopes?
- ❑ Great Gray owl, quarter mile up the road
- ❑ So grabbed my gear, followed another photographer

# And Joined the Crowd



# Great Gray

- ❑ Exceptional Hearing
- ❑ Silent Flight
- ❑ Sensitive Vision
- ❑ Critter Capture Machine



Focused on Food



# More Owls

- ❑ Short Eared Owl
- ❑ Vancouver, CN



Short Ears, Long Wings

# Snowy Owl

- Stealthy Snowy
- Boundary Bay, near Vancouver

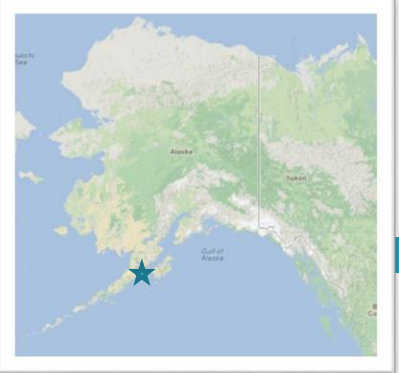


# Kindred Spirits





# Bears of Brooks – Close Encounters



- ❑ Katmai National Park, AK
- ❑ July is peak for salmon jumping the falls
- ❑ Brown Bears focused on the salmon
- ❑ Bears and anglers share the brook
- ❑ Made Famous by Tom Mangelsen



# Galloping Gourmet





# Spin Cycle





# Do Not Pass



# Run for the Restroom (Outhouse)

- ❑ Encased in a metal cage
- ❑ Fortunately, unoccupied at the time



# Wildlife and Their Young



Grizzly - Mother Daughter Duo  
Al-Can Highway, Yukon





# Black Bear Cub Learning to Climb



Safe to Come Out?

3 month old cub, Jasper  
National Park, Alberta, CN



Ready to Climb?



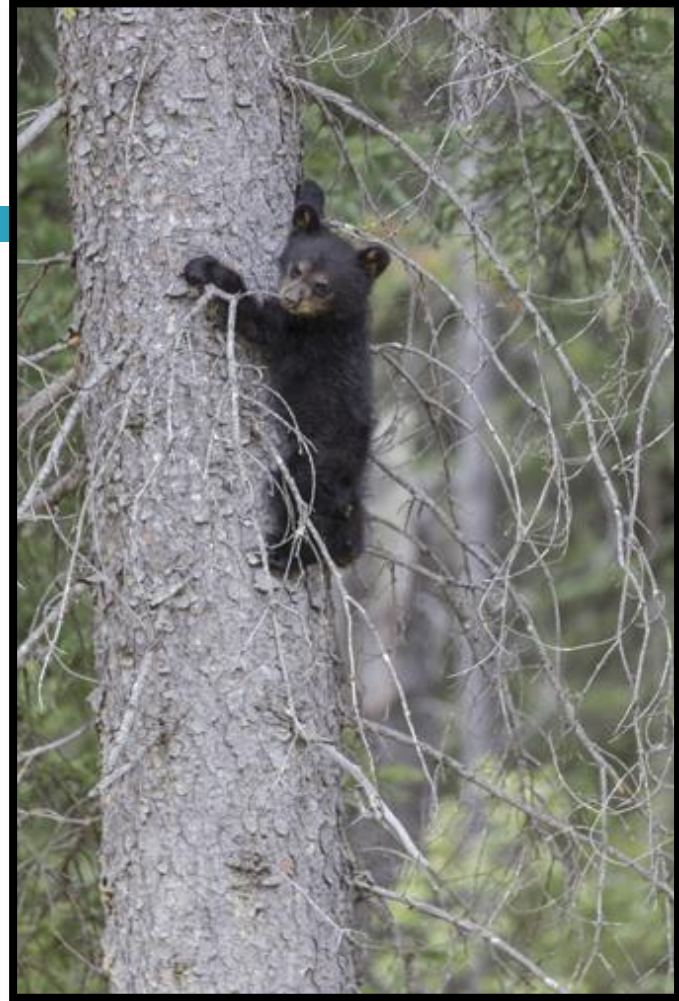
Give Me A Boost



Up A Tree...



Help, Get Me Down  
From Here





# Bison Calves



Red Dogs – about 1 month old

Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park

Remember to  
Wash Your Face





# Goslings





# Coyote and Pup



Lamar Valley, Yellowstone National Park

# Sunrise on McKinley



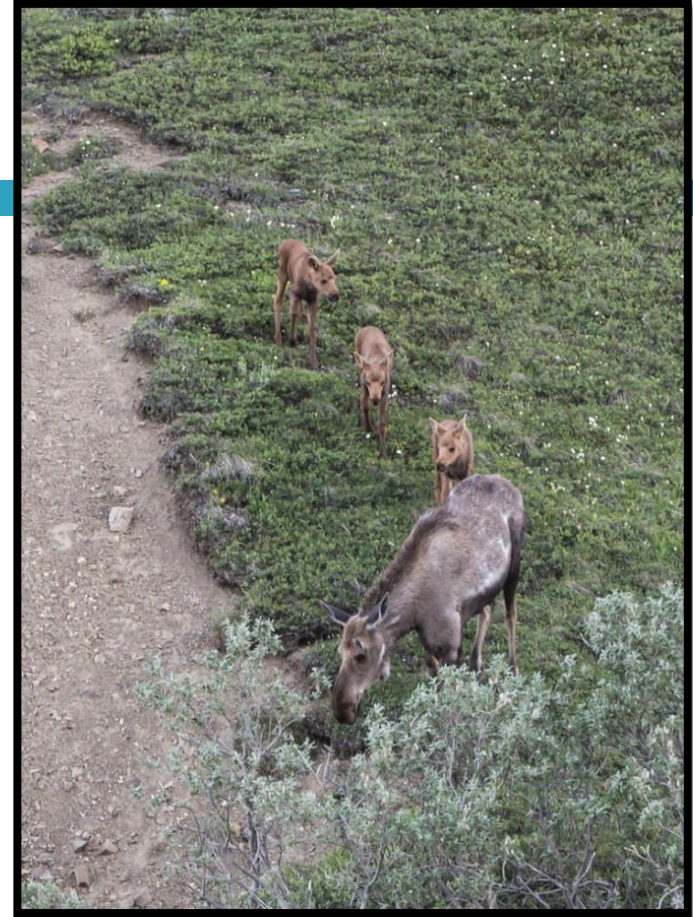
Shooting sunrise on McKinley when I heard a clicking sound.....



# Triplets



Mother Leads the Way



Denali National Park



# Moose Triplets

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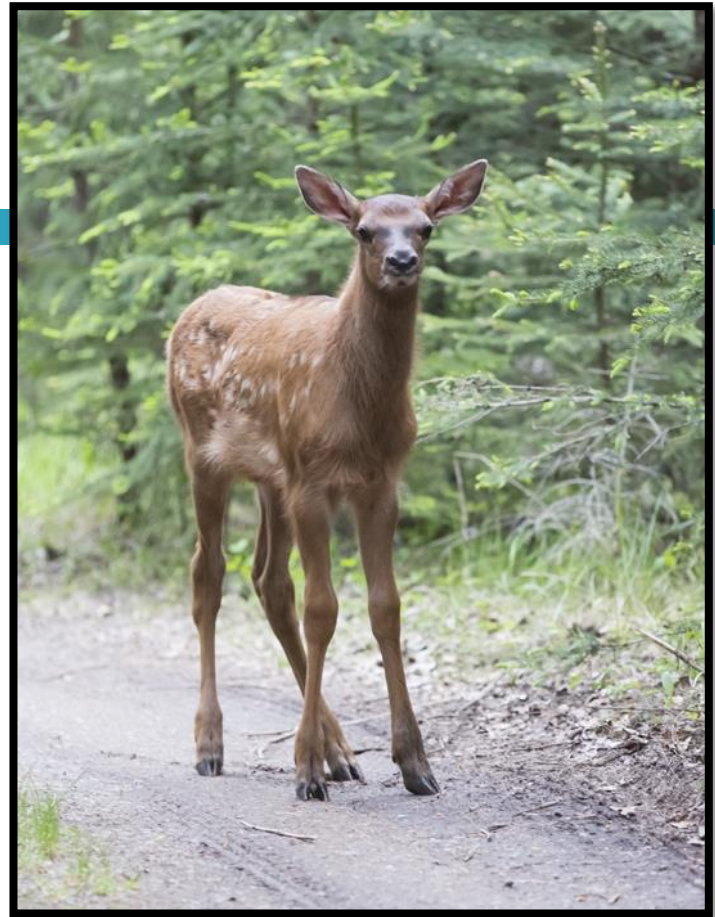


# Safe Into the Bush





# Elk Run

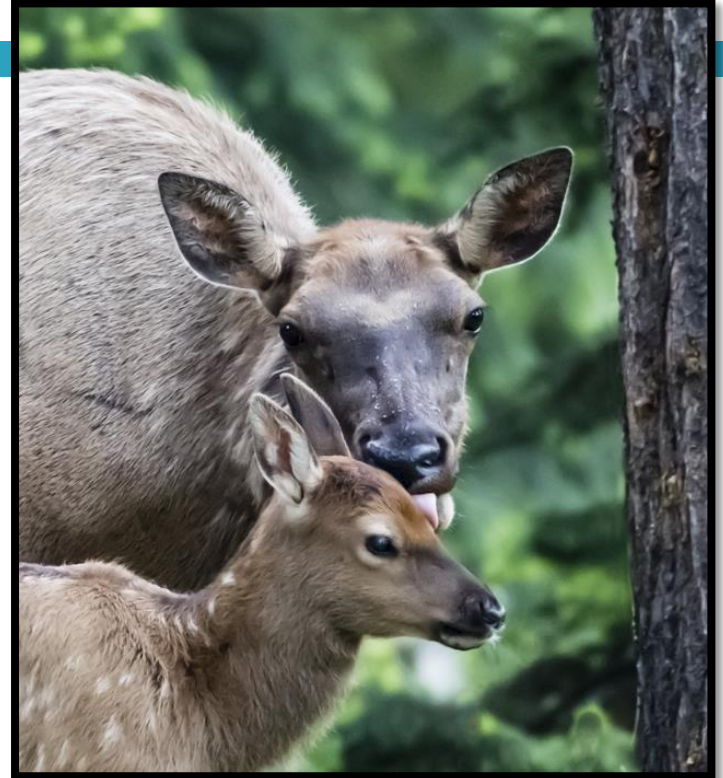


Babes in the Woods – 1 Week Old

A herd lives in the RV park in Jasper National Park, Alberta



# Newborns



# Elk Run - Not just the elk were running



Don't Spill Your Beer



Couple Targeted

We Were Next ...

# Elk Run – Run From The Elk

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- ❑ Mother elk stared at us and started to charge
- ❑ Beth and I ran for the nearest RV
- ❑ The elk chased us. It was ring-around-the-RV!
- ❑ The RV'ers thanked us for the entertainment



# For More Info

- ❑ Images seen tonight are available to purchase as prints
- ❑ Bin prints on table
- ❑ Business cards and Newsletter sign up sheet can be found on the table.....
- ❑ Presentation can viewed on my website
- ❑ Blog: [www.richardseeleyphotography.wordpress.com](http://www.richardseeleyphotography.wordpress.com)
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Thank You