

Willowbrook Wildlife



2026 Willowbrook Wildlife Calendar

Featuring photos and artwork gathered from residents and friends of Willowbrook Wildlife, we celebrate our spectacular wild neighbors who share our home.

Thanks to all who participated!
-- *The Willowbrook Wildlife Committee*

In many cultural traditions, Deer symbolize grace, gentleness, purity, strength, and alertness. From new beginnings (Fawn) to strength (Stag), and regeneration (antlers which shed every year), they beckon us to live gently and resiliently through their example.

Cover Art: Resting Buck on a Rainy Day by Dale Martin

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Winter is Duck Time! Male waterfowl sport their most colorful breeding plumage to court females this time of year. We may see Mallards, Gadwalls, Widgeons, and colorful Cinnamon or Green Winged Teals in our local ponds.

Mallards by Jerry Rowe

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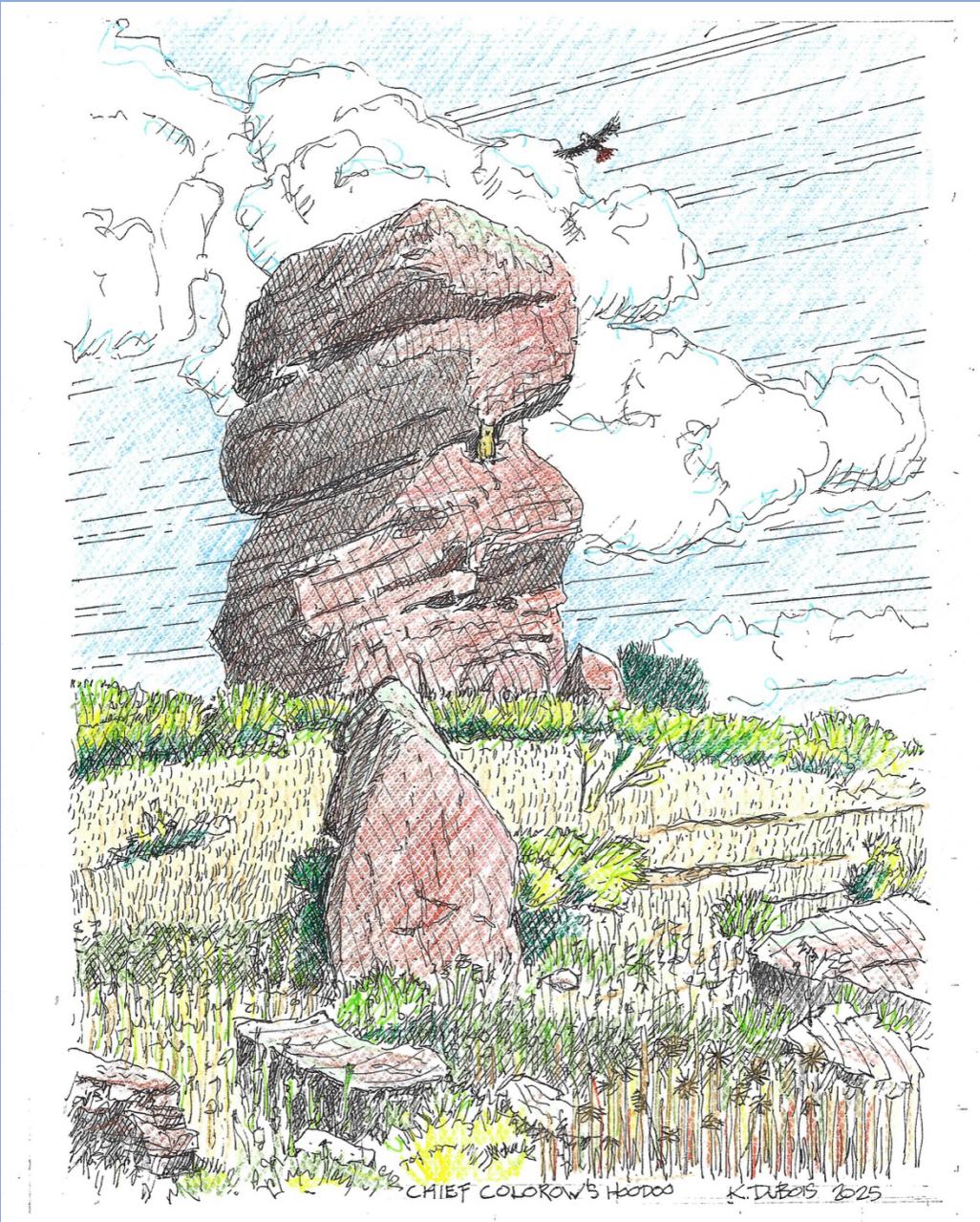
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While not the same species, Bobcats are closely related to Canada Lynx and share an important role as *mesopredators*, helping to regulate small prey populations and maintain a balanced ecosystem.

Bobcat by Kristin Vandervoort

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MARCH 2026

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A Hoodoo is a rock formation created over millions of years by erosion (wind, rain, freeze, thaw) on alternating rock layers. Hoodoos provide excellent lookouts for Hawks and nesting cavities for Great Horned Owls.

Chief Colorow Hoodoo by Kin DuBois

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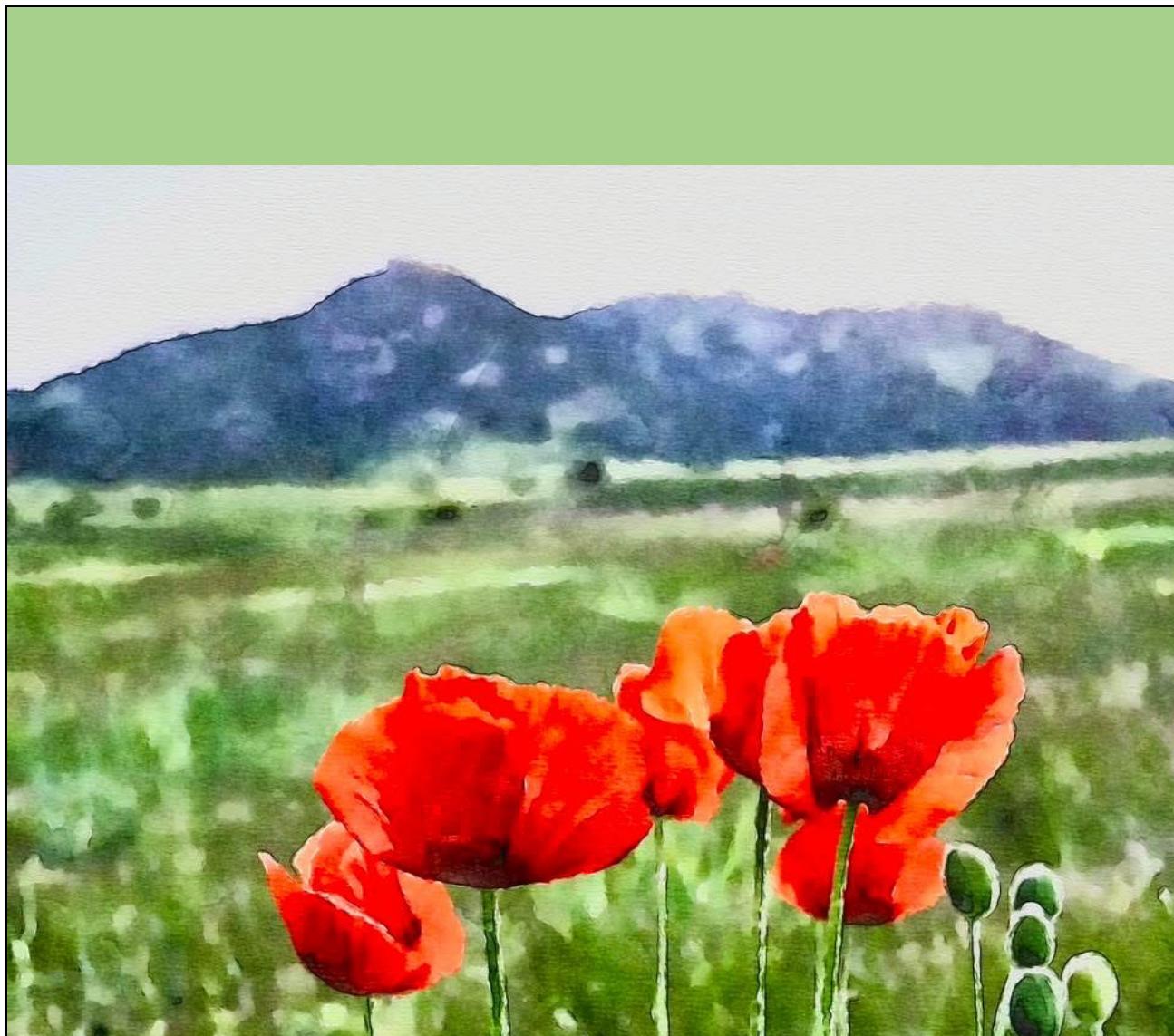
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Great Horned Owls begin nesting and laying eggs in early winter. This timing allows Owlets to be well-developed so they can fledge from the nest and learn to hunt successfully with their parents before the peak of summer.

Owl by Deb Preller

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MAY 2026

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Brightly colored oriental poppies prefer to grow wild drifts in sunny meadows and grasslands. Poppies provide nutritious seeds for songbirds and attract bees and butterflies.

Mountain Poppies by Leane Mahanke

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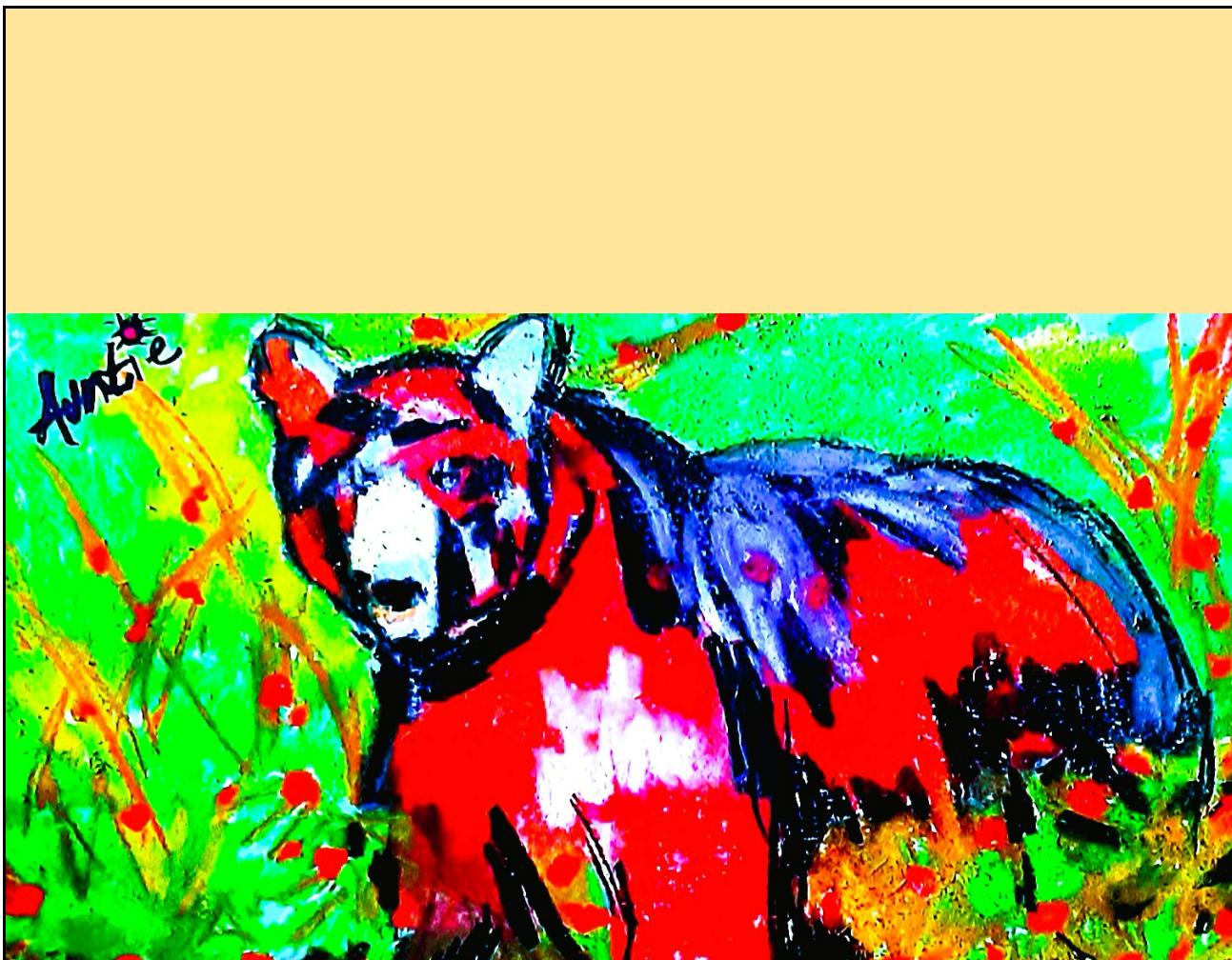
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Mule Deer Fawns spend their first five months nursing before learning to graze. Fawns become fully independent after one year but often stay with their family for generations.

Perfectly Posed by Anne Streeter

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JULY 2026

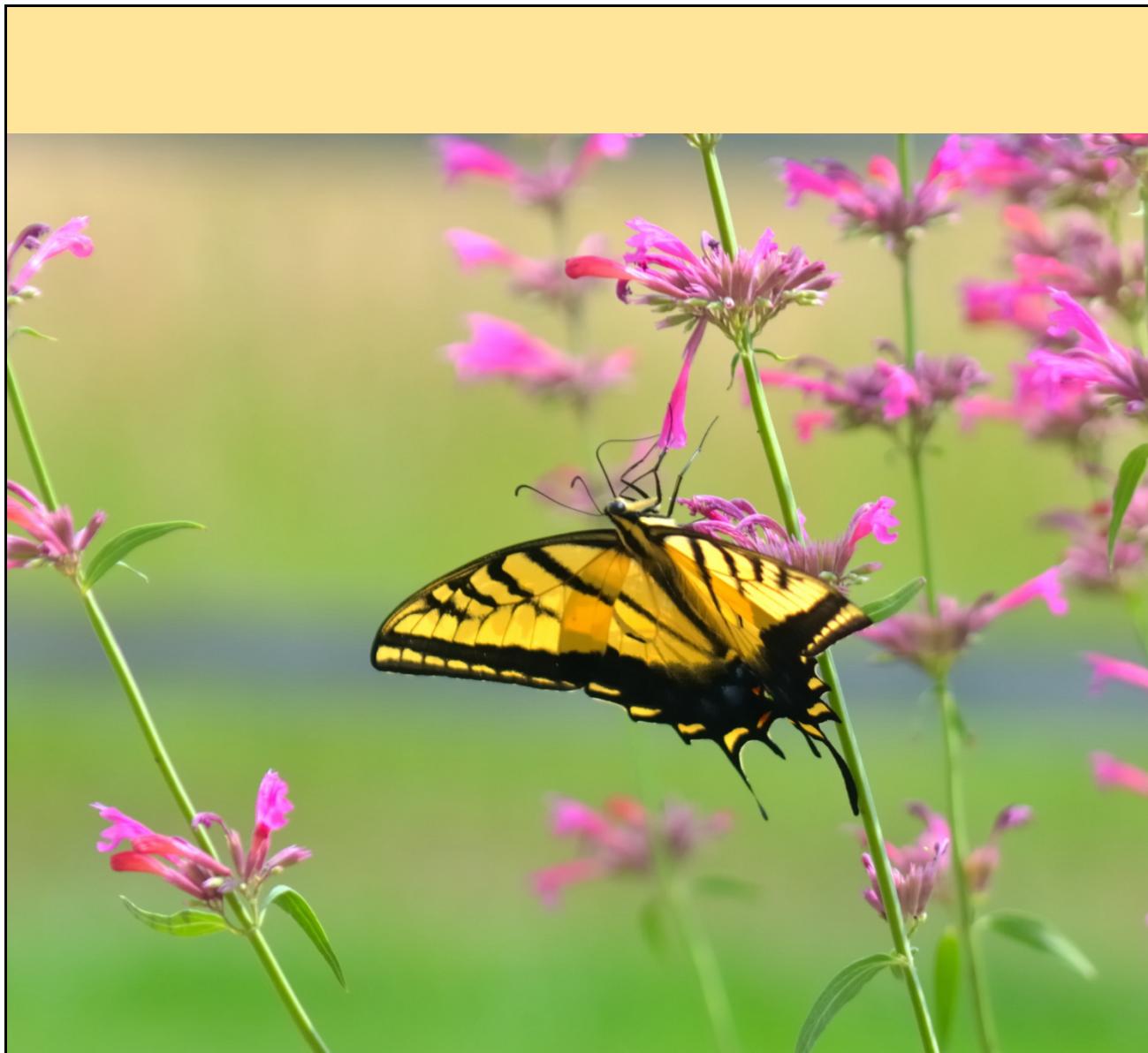
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Colorado Black Bears are native to our area and prefer a natural diet of berries, fruit, seeds, nuts, plants and insects. Foragers rather than hunters, Bears rarely kill prey but will scavenge animals left by other predators.

Bearries by Anne Streeter

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AUGUST 2026

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Colorful, graceful, and one of the largest butterflies in the state (up to 5 inches), two species of Tiger Swallowtail call Colorado home—the Western and the Two Tailed Tiger Swallowtail (shown in photo)

Tiger Swallowtail by Jerry Rowe

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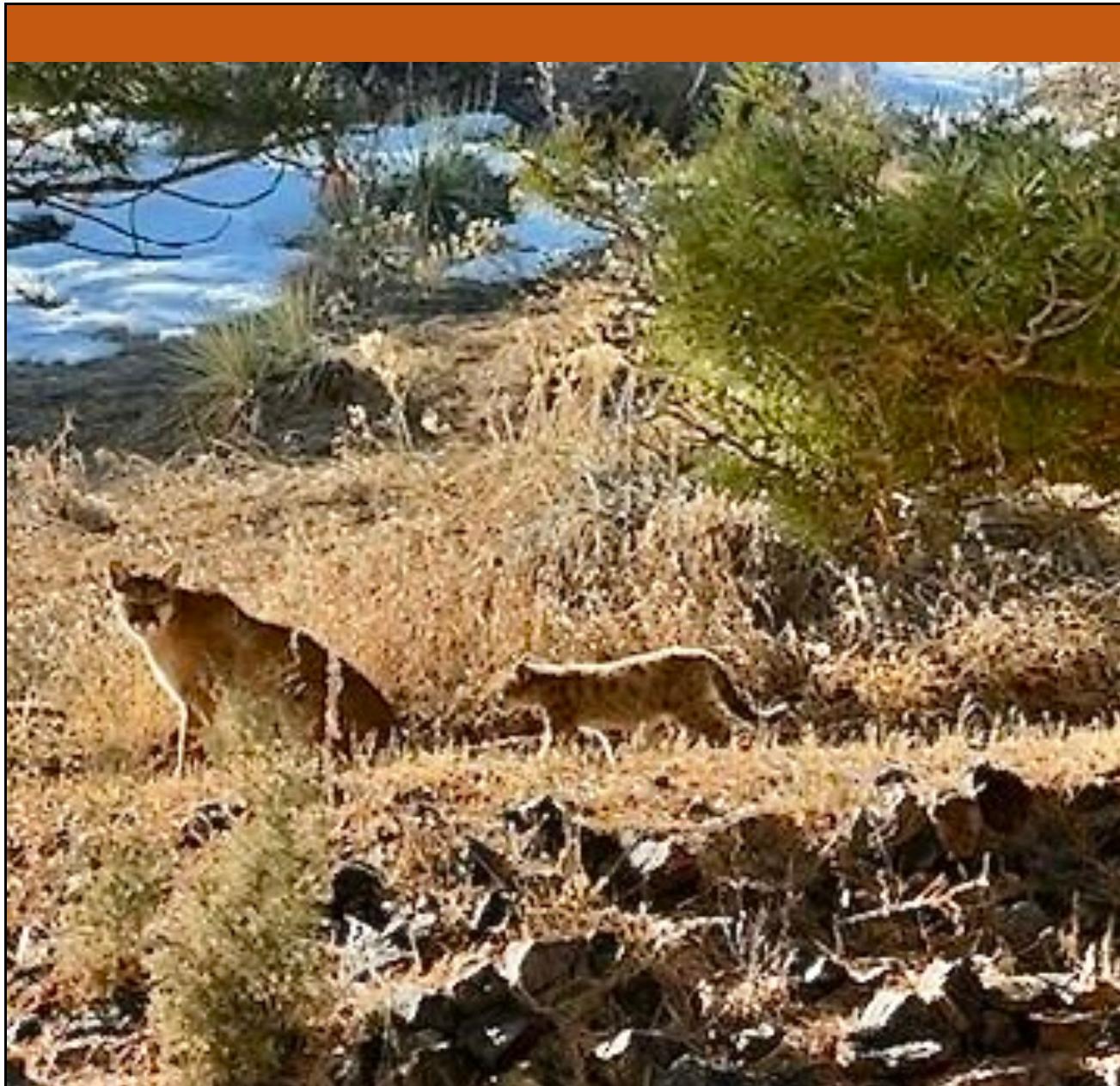
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Colorado Merriam Wild Turkeys live in our area, distinguished by their dark body feathers and white accented tail. Gobbling can be heard year-round—as a mating call in spring or to alert the flock to roosting or waking times.

Beautiful Tom by Anne Streeter

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Mountain Lions (aka Pumas or Cougars) are native to Colorado and are solitary animals, except for briefly mating (which can be any time of year) and mothers with cubs. Cubs will stay with their mothers for up to two years.

Mountain Lions by Renee Wolf

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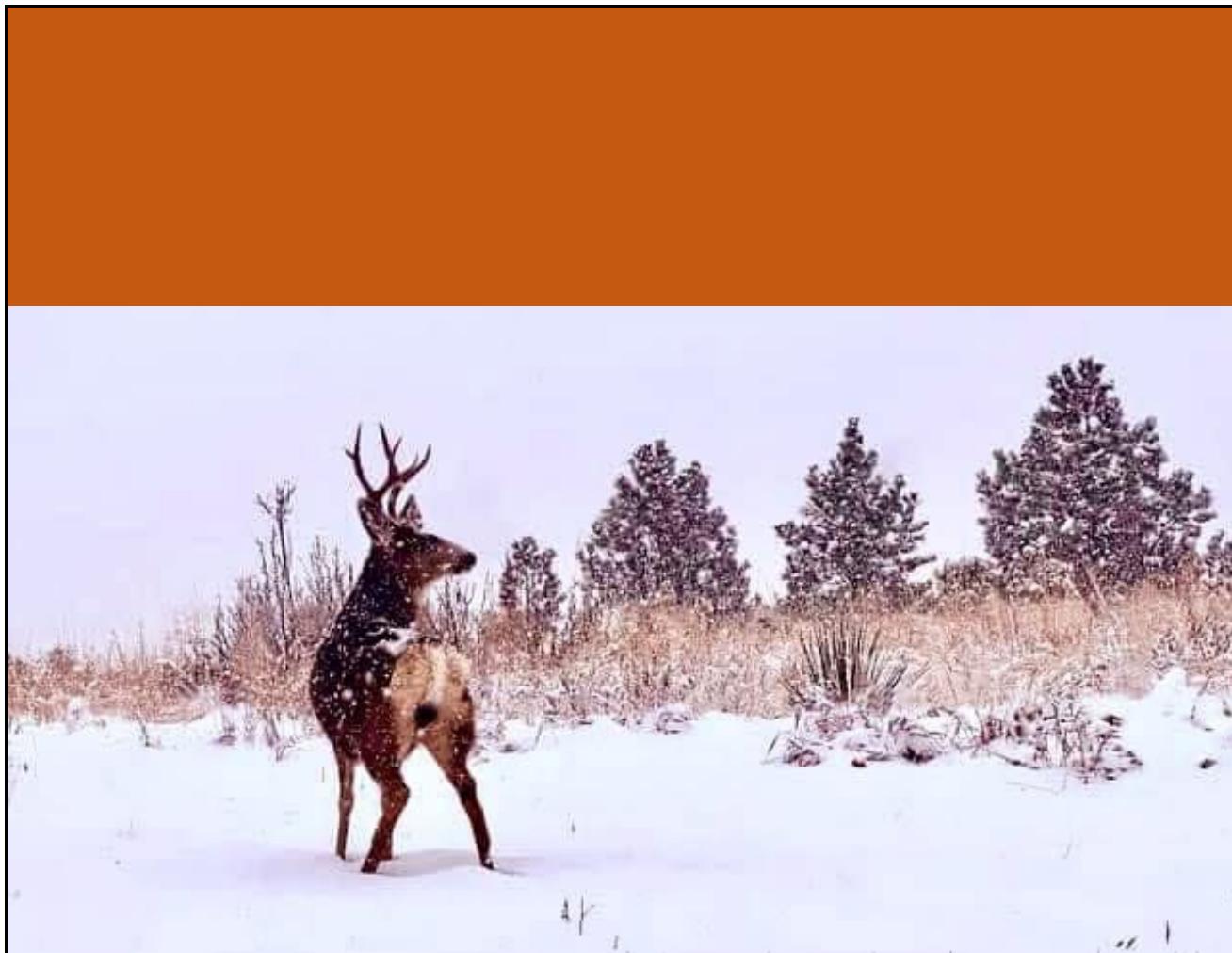
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Northern Flicker Woodpeckers are year-round residents in Colorado, foraging for berries, seeds and insects (especially ants), in trees and on the ground. Multicolored, they have a bright white rump patch only visible in flight.

Northern Flickers by Jerry Rowe

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DECEMBER 2026

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Mule Deer Rutting Season (mating season) runs from November through December. These majestic males shed their antlers in February, providing essential nutrients for countless other animals.

Deer in Winter by Leane Mahanke

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Thank you Willowbrook!

The Willowbrook Wildlife Committee thanks all our residents and our Wildlife Ambassadors and friends in Willow Springs, Lyons Ridge, Ken Caryl, and Red Rocks Country Club for joining us in our mission to inform, educate, and advocate on behalf of our local wildlife.

We aspire to engage our community and inspire others to advance the ethos of conscientious stewardship practices to protect and preserve the animals, birds, insects, plants, and trees entrusted to our care in this very special place.

To learn more, visit our Willowbrook Wildlife website: www.willowbrookwildlife.net



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