

SANDHILL CRANE

PHOTO TRIP



with **MICHAEL FORSBERG & DAVE SHOWALTER**

EACH YEAR, APPROXIMATELY 27,000 SANDHILL CRANES MIGRATE THROUGH THE SAN LUIS VALLEY,

one of the most geologically and ecologically diverse landscapes in the world. And this year, Zapata Ranch is partnering with renowned nature photographers Michael Forsberg & Dave Showalter, along with naturalist and birder John Rawinski, to provide you the opportunity for behind-the-scenes access to this natural phenomenon. Join us on this intimate journey into public and private lands and wildlife preserves where Mike and Dave will share state of the art photo skills, and John will share his unparalleled knowledge for the area and the Sandhill Crane.

You will leave with a portfolio of new photos (focused primarily on cranes, but inclusive of other wildlife, landscape and bison), first-hand knowledge of this remarkable landscape and the management, history and conservation work that is being done to preserve it. Attendees will stay in the Zapata Ranch guest lodge (five minutes from the Sand Dunes) and enjoy meals prepared by the ranch's gourmet chef.

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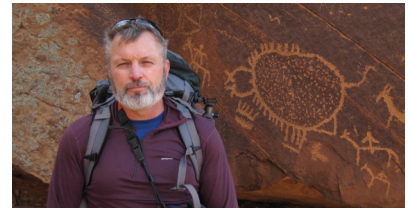
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MICHAEL FORSBERG grew up in Nebraska and is dedicated to working extensively in the prairies of the Great Plains. His book "On Ancient Wings: The Sandhill Cranes of North America," published in 2004, was honored with a Nebraska Book Award and a Foreword Magazine's Independent Publisher award. Photography awards include recognition from The Wildlife Society (Conservation Education Award), Wildlife Photographer of the Year, and Pictures of the Year competitions. Michael's images have also appeared in publications including National Geographic, Audubon, Natural History, & National Wildlife magazines. Michael is a Fellow with the International League of Conservation Photographers and a charter member of the North American Nature Photographers Association. His recent book "Great Plains—America's Lingering Wild" was published with the University of Chicago Press in 2009.

DAVE SHOWALTER, Colorado-based nature and wildlife photographer, is the author and photographer of the award-winning book, "Prairie Thunder—The Nature of Colorado's Great Plains." Dave's lifelong interest in natural history has driven him to photograph in Colorado and the west for over 18 years. His photographs and articles have appeared in publications including Outside, Outdoor Photographer, National Geographic Books, and Backpacker. Dave is also a contributor to the Skyline Press book "14,000 Feet" and is the photographer for Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, an emerging member of the International League of Conservation Photographers, a member of NANPA, and numerous conservation groups.



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Space is limited to 12 to allow for 1-on-1 instruction

\$1,300 per person

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