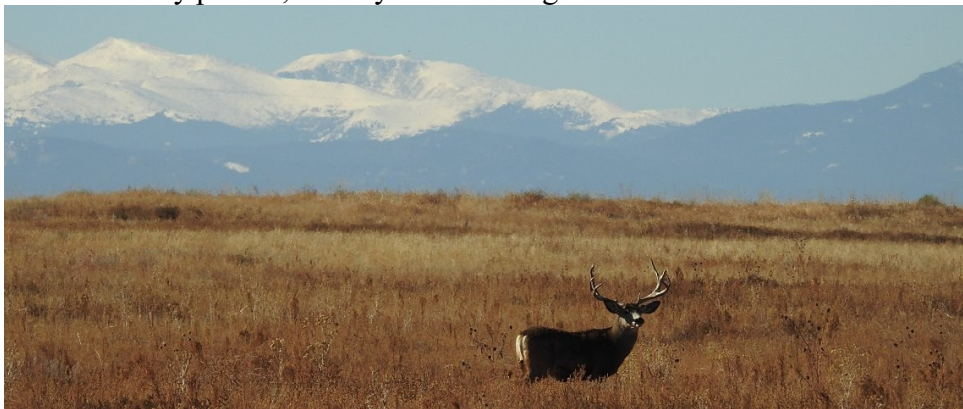


A visit to Rocky Mountain Arsenal - National Wildlife Refuge, 11 November 2023

This refuge covers a very large area northeast of Denver, Colorado, between the city and the Denver International Airport. Public access is available along many miles of roads, with the large animals safely behind fences. This day we had a private tour in non-public areas guided by a wildlife expert. We were in a large van - the guide as driver and commentator, three of us volunteer workers and two guests (including my wife, Gail). Two of those volunteers work at this Arsenal refuge. I work at Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge, which is the nation's smallest urban wildlife refuge, only 72 acres, and is northwest of Denver in the city of Arvada.

The timing of this 3-hour morning tour was for the rut time when the deer are about to mate. These are the best of some of my photos, usually taken through the van windows.



Mule Deer buck



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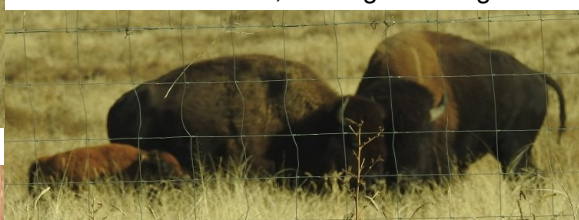
White-tailed Deer buck



White-tailed Deer does, running - tails high



Lesser Scaup duck



Bison and reddish calf



<- Prairie Dog



Eagle nest



Bald Eagles



Mule Deer: buck focused on doe



Northern Harrier



Mule Deer buck (dot) and view



Pond with ducks



Mule Deer fawns

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