



▶ A California condor, one of only 74 in the wild in Arizona and Utah, rests at Navajo Bridge over Marble Canyon. | JOHN SHERMAN

📷 CAMERA: NIKON D4S; SHUTTER: 1/1000 SEC; APERTURE: F/8; ISO: 2500; FOCAL LENGTH: 1000 MM

FRONT COVER Wildflowers blanket a hillside near the San Francisco Peaks, one of the highlights of Northern Arizona's Coconino County. | SHANE McDERMOTT

📷 CAMERA: NIKON D3S; SHUTTER: 6 SEC; APERTURE: F/18; ISO: 200; FOCAL LENGTH: 22 MM

BACK COVER Sunset illuminates Sedona's Cathedral Rock above the rushing water of Oak Creek.

| MARK FRANK

📷 CAMERA: NIKON D200; SHUTTER: 3 SEC; APERTURE: F/10; ISO: 100; FOCAL LENGTH: 22 MM

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16 THE BEST OF ARIZONA

If we were *Texas Highways*, we couldn't do this portfolio — there are too many counties (254) in Texas. In Arizona, however, where there are only 15, it's a little easier to feature one of the scenic wonders of every county in the state. As you'll see, there are beautiful landscapes all across Arizona.

A PORTFOLIO EDITED BY JEFF KIDA

32 MOUNTAIN LYING DOWN

"The North Rim always teaches the same two lessons," Charles Bowden wrote in 1991. "There is very little to say — witness the silence of people clustered on the rim, staring into the chasm. And there is nothing to fix." In the quarter-century since he penned that observation, the lessons have remained the same.

AN ESSAY BY CHARLES BOWDEN

38 BA'CHO

To the White Mountain Apaches, Mexican wolves are known as *ba'cho*. They're culturally significant to the tribe, but not all tribal members support the reintroduction of the endangered species. It's a polarizing issue that pits elders and traditionalists against outfitters and big-game hunters.

BY ANNETTE MCGIVNEY
PHOTOGRAPHS BY BRUCE D. TAUBERT

44 WING COMMANDER

Chris Parish is a wildlife biologist for The Peregrine Fund. He's well versed in many species, but he's an expert on California condors. Among other things, the Flagstaff resident oversees the annual release of young condors over the Vermilion Cliffs. And his efforts are paying off. At last count, 74 of the rare birds were living in the wild in Arizona and Utah.

BY NOAH AUSTIN
PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN KISH

46 RARE BIRDS

Although not as uncommon as dodos and passenger pigeons, California condors are few and far between. At last count, there were only 219 in the wild, which means catching a glimpse of the largest flying land bird in North America is rare. However, for our photographer, it's a different story. So far, he's photographed about a third of Arizona's wild condors, and he's on a mission to capture the rest.

A PORTFOLIO BY JOHN SHERMAN

52 SCENIC DRIVE

Grandview Loop: Taking this scenic route on the Grand Canyon's South Rim promises solitude and a journey back in time on a wagon road that ferried the park's first tourists.

54 HIKE OF THE MONTH

O'Leary Peak Trail: There's a lot to see from the top of this trail, including the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. The best view, however, might be the look into Sunset Crater.



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