

Recommended Facilities for Captive Wildlife Photography

Below is a sampling of facilities that offer an environment conducive to ethical photography of captive animals in relatively natural settings. Most of them are accredited by the [Association of Zoos and Aquariums](#) or the [Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries](#). If they are not, they are known for high standards of care, according to [conservation photographer Melissa Groo](#). [Note: This is not a comprehensive list.]

Northeast:

[Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy](#), Litchfield, CT.

[The Raptor Trust – Bird Rehabilitation and Education Center](#), Millington, NJ.

Southeast:

[Forest Animal Rescue](#), Silver Springs, FL.

[National Aquarium](#), Baltimore, MD.

[Zoo Miami](#), Miami, FL.

Midwest:

[Desert Dome](#), Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, Omaha, NE.

[Endangered Wolf Center](#), St Louis, MO.

[International Wolf Center](#), Ely, MN.

[Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park and Wildlife Safari](#), Ashland, NE.

Southwest:

[Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum](#), Tucson, AZ.

[Blackland Prairie Raptor Center](#), Lucas, TX.

[Fossil Rim Wildlife Center](#), Glen Rose, TX.

[In-Sync Exotics](#), Wylie, TX.

Northwest:

[Alaska SeaLife Center](#), Seward, AK.

[Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center](#), Portage, AK.

[Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center](#), West Yellowstone, MT.

[Northwest Trek Wildlife Park](#), Eatonville, WA.

[WildCat Ridge Sanctuary](#), Scotts Mills, OR.

[Wolf Haven International](#), Tenino, WA. (Currently closed due to Covid)

Mountain States:

[Cheyenne Mountain Zoo](#), Colorado Springs, CO.

[Safe Haven Wildlife Sanctuary](#), Imlay, NV.

[Teton Raptor Center](#), Wilson, WY.

[The Wild Animal Sanctuary](#), Keenesburg, CO.

West Coast:

[Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary](#), Folsom, CA.

[Lindsay Wildlife Experience](#), Walnut Creek, CA.

[Lions, Tigers and Bears](#), Alpine, CA.

[The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens](#), Palm Desert, CA.

[Monterey Bay Aquarium](#), Monterey, CA.

[Oakland Zoo](#), Oakland, CA.

[San Diego Zoo Safari Park](#), San Diego, CA.