

New York City Wildlife

These collaged images feature an assimilation of my wild and city life photography captured over the years in my travels away from home in New York City. The animals depicted herein, are of actual wild animals photographed in threatened regions around the World. These animals and their habitats are threatened by man, either through climate change, poaching, urban development or other intrusions into their environments. With this project, I seek to raise the question..."if we can not protect these animals in their environments, where can they go and be safe." For this setting, I have selected, what very well may be the most regulated urban environment in the Americas...New York City.

For me, personally, this project rises from my desire to forego the isolating intellectual compartments of "Urban" and "Rural" photographic experiences I have had in my years as a photographer. In trying to wholly assimilate these urban and rural experiences, I have turned to photography and its modern day tools in an attempt to merge these two worlds together to create a unique identity of our World. In addition to trying to raise collective consciousness of the social issues involved, I am personally seeking to reduce the perceived boundaries and question the identities that we create to separate ourselves from the animal World. Through greater compassion and understanding of our kindred spirits, I believe we are able to expand our understanding of ourselves and of our purpose for being here on this Earth.