



## Welcome To My Monthly Newsletter

**January 2023**

### To Celebrate Beginnings



It is always joyful to watch and photograph wild rabbits!

As winter settles in I am enjoying this time of shorter days and cozy fireplaces. January is a new beginning and a great time to learn about new things. I have been spending time reading about some of the amazing organizations that are all around us, working so hard to save wildlife, wild places and animals in need. It seems every community, large or small, has either a nonprofit organization, a club, or group of local residents who are busy cleaning up garbage, maintaining trails, caring for rescued animals, or working hard to conserve wild places. My passion is to use the art of photography to document the work they are doing and to share the beauty of our planet. If you need inspiration on a cold winter's day, be sure to look up what the local organizations in your community are accomplishing!

I hope you enjoy these photographs of the wild rabbits living in the Tehachapi mountains of California (the southern tip of the Sierra Nevada mountain range).



**Rabbits used to be considered rodents but in 1912 were reclassified into Lagomorpha which includes the 42 species of rabbit, 33 species of hare and 34 species of pika that exist today.**



Rabbits are prey animals. Though they tend to be nocturnal they are sometimes out and about early in the day.



Wild rabbits live in many different habitats including forests, deserts, grasslands and wetlands. More than half of the world's population lives in North America!

Internet sources:

<https://birdsandwild.com/how-long-do-wild-rabbits-live/>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lagomorpha>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rabbit>

## For the new year...



The lunar new year arrived in January and welcomed in the year of the water rabbit (in Vietnam it is the year of the cat). The rabbit is a symbol of peace, abundance and prosperity. Rabbits also symbolize longevity despite having a short life expectancy of 2 years in the wild, although some species can live as long as 9 years.

There are times that I have seen so many rabbits in the wild that they

certainly seemed to be living up to their prolific reputation. In other years there were so few rabbits in sight that I worried their population was being impacted by California's drought or a disease. In recent years there has been an ongoing and severe drought here in the west...

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