Introducing Joel Sartore ... and his many animal images
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If you are interested in wildlife, wild animals, wild art, wild men, and wild beauty, the ZOO’s PRINT staff would like to introduce you to a man who stands for all those wild things ... and more.

Joel Sartore is passionate about wildlife itself and also remarkable photographic images of wildlife that one never quite forgets. His mission is to create a collection of photos documenting species that might not make it through life due to the many dangers wild animals face throughout the world. His collection is “Photo Ark” -- a sentimental name easily remembered.

Joel is a contributing photographer for National Geographic Magazine. In the last two-plus decades National Geographic has pushed him onto every continent many times to catch the animals at their very best.

In the early years till now Joel has been watching the animals and with it the declining habitat as well as the unique and beautiful animals that go with it. He set up Photo Ark to reach into the hearts and stomach’s of humans that guzzle the most and best of the natural world. Joel's 20 year project to bring out the many species in the world as studio portraits is almost half time done (9 years) and he has covered 4,100 species. When (not if) he meets his two decade goal we can hope that he brings in 10,000 species! The math says, unless Joel loses his zeal (VERY unlikely he will carry on).

We (ZOO) have, with Joel’s permission adopted his work for our own animal magazine, ZOO’s PRINT. This is the first time we have utilized it in our 30 years old periodical. The timing was great because our first issue went to printer’s bed in December 1985 and without missing but one issue that was combined with the next, we at Zoo Outreach Organisation are proud to be still going at 30 years old and also that we attract such interesting people and project.

We have permission from Joel to use his photos in ZOO’s PRINT, so this January 2015 we will highlight Joel’s work in all corners of South Asia. This is the beginning and we hope to keep Joel’s art in every forthcoming issue.

Also we hope and pray that Joel’s ambition to make changes in human attitudes will cover multitudes of people unaware to become aware.

Well I have said as much or more as I should, having para-phrased some of what Joel himself says (without asking him!).

I leave the rest of the story and images to you ... Joel has many more things to say that will enter your heart and mind.


Meet the founder of the Photo Ark -- Joel Sartore... creating a collection of photos for all times.
A Copper-headed trinket snake (Coeglanathus radiates), at the Assam State Zoo, Guwahati, Assam, India

Male Asiatic lion (Panthera leo persica) at the Kamala Nehru Zoo, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India

An endangered Western Tragopan (Tragopan melanocephalus) at the Himalayan Nature Park, Kufri, India
Melanistic Asian golden cat (*Catopuma temminckii*) at the Assam State Zoo, Guwahati, Assam, India

Rufous turtle doves (*Streptopelia orientalis*) at the Kamala Nehru Zoo, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India

Indian flapshell turtle (*Lissemys punctata*) at the Assam State Zoo, Guwahati, Assam, India
Red Junglefowl (Gallus gallus) at the Assam State Zoo, Guwahati, Assam, India

Common Indian monitor lizard (Varanus bengalensis) at Kamala Nehru Zoo, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India

Himalayan brown bear (Ursus arctos isabellinus) at Himalayan Nature Park, Kufri, Himachal Pradesh, India