



## Laura Crawford Williams

### "The Wildlife Conservation Photographer"



**Laura Crawford Williams, 50**

**Location:** Delray, FL

- **Experience:** Laura got into wildlife photography completely by accident. After leaving her career in software and 3D animation, she started taking photos of her dogs. She quickly developed a love for telling an animal's story through photos and realized her images had the ability to evoke emotion and change. She has spent her life traveling to the most remote locations in the world photographing species to promote conservation. She just recently spent 8 years traveling throughout South America photographing 113 endangered species, some of which have never been photographed before. She published the photos in her book *Wildlife in the Wildlands*.
- **Who she is:** Laura grew up in the swamps of New Orleans and admits she was always a bit of a tomboy. She's one of a select few female wildlife photographers in the world. She isn't afraid to trek, hike, and camp in any terrain or climate. When she's tracking down an animal, she's in the zone and nothing fazes her. She has come face-to-face with pumas, alligators, and lions.
- **Mission:** Laura's goal is to inspire people to care about rare and endangered species through her photographs. There are currently over 16,000 species on the endangered list. She'll spend days and even months tracking down elusive animals that people have never seen before. She has connections with conservationists and scientists around the world who are working hard to protect these species. Through her photographs, she hopes to spark change and promote conservation.
- **Examples of Work:**
  - Her images have been published in *National Geographic Magazine*, *National Wildlife Magazine*, *Ranger Rick Magazine*, and *Birders Magazine*.
  - Laura has traveled all over the world to Patagonia, South Africa, Peru, Europe, Iceland, Greenland, and beyond. She has been in the grasslands, wetlands, rainforests, and almost every climate one can imagine.
  - She once had two lionesses stalk her when she stumbled into a kill site. She also photographed rare species including pumas in South America, the Maned wolf, giant anteaters, Andean flamingos, and orcas in New Zealand.

