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C. C. Lockwood Goes “Louisiana Wild”

Photographs of the Protected and Restored Lands of the Nature Conservancy

Baton Rouge— For nearly thirty years, The Nature Conservancy in Louisiana has served as a steward of the state’s ecological riches, protecting and maintaining more than 285,000 acres of the state’s land. Now, for the first time, readers can observe the vast array of flora and fauna found in these complex habitats in *Louisiana Wild*, with the awe-inspiring photography of C. C. Lockwood. *Louisiana Wild* will be published by Louisiana State University Press in September 2015.

The scenic images that Louisiana brings to mind—moss-draped cypress, lush marshlands, alligators gliding through bayous, herons coasting across an open sky—all spring from one of the most diverse and productive ecosystems on the continent. This varied and inviting landscape gives rise to one of the state’s many monikers, “Sportsman’s Paradise,” which rings true whether you are boating on picturesque Lake Martin or bird-watching among the ancient live oaks of Lafitte Woods. From the precious maritime forests of Grand Isle to the steep contours of Tunica Hills, Louisiana’s wild outdoors defines each region’s sense of place and value.

After trekking and canoeing through more than sixty properties managed by The Nature Conservancy, photographer C. C. Lockwood presents a vivid photo narrative that journeys from the little-known Copenhagen Hills, a prairie habitat with the largest variety of woody plants in Louisiana; to the swampland lake of Cypress Island, with its massive rookery of roseate spoonbills and great egrets; to over a dozen other sites that showcase Louisiana’s distinct environs.

With 220 color images, *Louisiana Wild* pays homage to the immeasurable impact of The Nature Conservancy’s efforts and will delight anyone who calls Louisiana home.

C. C. Lockwood, a recipient of the Sierra Club’s Ansel Adams Award for Outstanding Conservation Photography and honored as a Louisiana Legend by Louisiana Public Broadcasting, has photographed the natural wonders of his home state and beyond for over four decades. His books include *Marsh Mission: Capturing the Vanishing Wetlands*; *C. C. Lockwood’s Atchafalaya*; *Around the Bend: A Mississippi River Adventure*; *Beneath the Rim: A Photographic Journey through the Grand Canyon*; *Still Waters: Images, 1971–1999*; and *The Yucatán Peninsula*.

Keith Ouchley is executive director of The Nature Conservancy of Louisiana and oversees the preservation of thousands of acres of land in the state.

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