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Meet Wendee Holtcamp

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Houston-based freelance writer and photographer, Wendee Holtcamp, has covered conservation, wildlife and adventure travel for nearly 15 years. She has also written for Animal Planet and Discovery Channel Online for nearly as long. In 2008, she dove with sharks in Australia's Coral Sea during the filming of *Mysteries of the Shark Coast* for Discovery Channel's [Shark Week](#) blog. She has trekked through the Himalayan foothills of Nepal searching for endangered red pandas for *National Wildlife Magazine*, a species that few Westerners have laid eyes on. She traveled to the Peruvian Amazon for *Global Traveler Magazine*, and wrote about carbon-neutral cruises to witness the magnificent wildlife of the Galapagos Islands, for *E/The Environmental Magazine*. Her writing has appeared in *Scientific American*, *Smithsonian*, *OnEarth*, *Audubon*, *Sierra*, and other magazines, and she's a contributing writer for *Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine*.



Wendee grew up, in part, in a rustic log cabin in the Oregon woods with a hippie dad, with no running water, an outhouse, and wood stoves for cooking. These formative years inspired her love of wildlife, nature and the outdoors. She loves tromping around swamps in rubber waders catching frogs, snakes or gators, but is equally comfortable giving professional seminars or teaching biology or her online writing courses. She likens herself to the bohemians of the early 20th century, intellectuals who loved art, had high ambitions, and who could live in squalor or luxury. Holtcamp earned an M.S. in wildlife ecology from Texas A&M University in 1995, was a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, and is a single mom of two teenagers.

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