

BETH PRATT



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BIOGRAPHY

A lifelong advocate for wildlife, Beth Pratt has worked in environmental leadership roles for over twenty-five years, and in two of the country's largest national parks: Yosemite and Yellowstone. As the California Regional Executive Director for the National Wildlife Federation, she says, *"I have the best job in the world—advocating for the state's remarkable wildlife."* Although most of her career has been spent in national parks, she now focuses most of her work on helping wildlife and people thrive together in cities.

As part of her conservation work with the National Wildlife Federation, Pratt leads the #SaveLACougars campaign to build the largest wildlife crossing in the world to help save a population of mountain lions from extinction. Her innovative conservation work has been featured by [The New Yorker](#), [The Wall Street Journal](#), [Washington Post](#), [BBC World Service](#), [CBS This Morning](#), [the Los Angeles Times](#), [Men's Journal](#), [The Guardian](#), [NPR](#), [AP News](#), and more. A recent AP story featuring Beth's work on building the wildlife crossing received over a billion media impressions worldwide.

Di Angelo Publications released her new book, [I Heart Wildlife: A Guided Activity Journal for Connecting With the Wild World](#), in August, and Heyday Books published [When Mountain Lions are Neighbors: People and Wildlife Working It Out In California](#) in 2016. Beth has also contributed essays to the books *The Nature of Yosemite: A Visual Journey*, and *Inspiring Generations: 150 Years, 150 Stories in Yosemite*, and is the author of the official *Junior Ranger Handbook for Yosemite National Park*. Her writing has appeared in *High Country News*, *Earth Island Journal*, *Boom: A Journal of California*, *Yellowstone Discovery*, and more. She also has given a TEDx talk about coexisting with wildlife called, ["How a Lonely Cougar in Los Angeles Inspired the World."](#) and is featured in the documentary, ["The Cat that Changed America."](#)

Beth spends much of her time in Los Angeles, but makes her home outside of Yosemite, "my north star," with her five dogs, one cat, and the mountain lions, bears, foxes, and other wildlife that frequent her backyard.

