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Chuck Graham is a freelance writer and photographer living in Carpinteria, California. He has worked as a beach lifeguard for more than 20 years and is a guide for Channel Islands Adventure Company where he leads kayak tours and backpacking trips at the Channel Islands National Park. He is also an editor of DEEP Surf magazine.

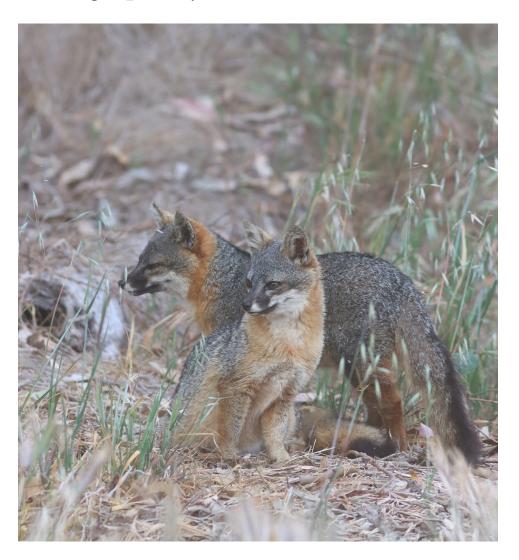
Graham's stories and photographs have appeared in The Surfer's Journal, BBC Wildlife, The Los Angeles Times, National Geographic, and many other publications.

Exhibit includes the Island Fox Timeline (96 x 14 inches)



The Swiftest Recovery, Island Fox Chronicles

Photographs by Chuck Graham



The Swiftest Recovery, Island Fox Chronicles is now available for inter-museum loan through the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum! SBMM

The Swiftest Recovery, Island Fox Chronicles

The recovery of the tiny island fox is the swiftest of a terrestrial mammal in the history of the Endangered Species Act and is a prime example of conservation working in wild places. The restoration of habitat across the Channel Islands National Park on a whole represents several entities coming together to ensure this unique island ecosystem has returned to a natural balance.

The conservation effort to save the Santa Cruz Island foxes was crucial because they are a keystone species, vital to the island's ecosystem, and their decline threatened the entire island's delicate balance and native plant and animal communities.

The island fox population faced a dramatic decline due to the introduction of non-native golden eagles, which preyed on the foxes, and the presence of feral pigs, which attracted the eagles.

A collaborative effort involving The Nature Conservancy, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and California Department of Fish and Game, resulted in an intensive, science-based recovery program that included removing feral animals, relocating golden eagles, and captive breeding programs.

The collection features more than 50 stunning photographs of island foxes, captured during Chuck Graham's kayaking adventures across the Santa Barbara Channel to Santa Cruz Island. The exhibition highlights the remarkable conservation success story of the island fox, showcasing its recovery as well as the natural balance that was restored on the island. Each photograph portrays the beauty and resilience of this unique animal and underscores the importance of ongoing conservation.

This exhibit includes description plaques for each image.



