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A native of southern Arizona, Roseann Hanson grew up in the rural Tanque Verde Valley east of Tucson. She has worked in the Southwest and Mexico as a conservationist, environmental writer, and naturalist for 25 years. With an educational background in conservation biology and journalism, she has extensive experience developing and funding community-based non-profit conservation organizations, coordinating multiple and complex projects in team environments, and communicating conservation issues effectively in print, on video, and as a speaker. A lifetime spent in rural communities, augmented by study about and reporting on environmental issues, have provided her with an intimate knowledge of and compassion for people, ecosystems, and issues.

Professional Experience

- 2004 – present Consultant, Communications & Development, ConserVentures LLC. Clients include: African Conservation Centre/Fund (Nairobi, Kenya); South Rift Association of Land Owners (Nairobi, Kenya); Uaso Ngiro Baboon Project (Nanyuki, Kenya); Biosphere Expeditions (U.K.); Alberta Conservation Alliance (Alberta, Canada); Sky Island Alliance (Arizona, U.S.)
- 2009 - present Founder & director, Overland Expo, promoting exploration & conservation
- 2005 – present Executive director, African Conservation Fund
- 2004 – present Consultant, Communications & Development
- 2002 – 2004 Director, Southeast Arizona Program, Sonoran Institute
- 2000 - 2002 Executive director, Sky Island Alliance
- 1990 - present Freelance journalist and editor, and award-winning author
- 2000 Naturalist guide, Betchart Expeditions (Sierra Madre, Mexico)
- 1999 Caretaker, Ol Morani Ranch, Chiricahua Mountains (working cattle ranch)
- 1998 - 1999 Naturalist and co-manager, Cave Creek Ranch lodge, Chiricahua Mts., Arizona
- 1997 - 1998 Nature workshop co-director and instructor for Tucson Audubon Society, overseeing the Institute of Desert Ecology and teaching birding, animal tracking, grassland ecology, and wild canid ecology workshops
- 1995 - 1997 With husband Jonathan, resident naturalists, caretakers, and advocates for U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Buenos Aires NWR at Brown Canyon in the Baboquivari Mountains
- 1989 - 1995 Editor and art director of Tucson's quarterly outdoor sports newspaper, *Desert Skies*, published by The Summit Hut
- 1985 - 1989 Outdoor equipment buyer and marking manager, The Summit Hut, Tucson
- 1982 - 1985 Editorial assistant and general assignment reporter, *Tucson Citizen*
- 1981 Editorial columnist, *Tucson Citizen*

Boards of Directors

- 2007 – present Overland Society, founding secretary
- 2005 – present Tarangire Whistling Thorn Camp Conservation Project, Tanzania
- 2002 – 2004 Southeast Arizona Land Trust
- 2002 – 2003 Sky Island Alliance
- 1996 – 1998 Friends of Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge
- 1994 – 1997 Tucson Audubon Society

Appointments, Awards, & Expeditions

- 2008 – First Trans-Rift Mara-Amboseli overland crossing by invitation of the Maasai landowners
- 2008 – Named research associate, Southwest Center, University of Arizona
- 2006 – Appointed to the Arizona Game & Fish Commission Heritage Fund Committee
- 1998 – 1999 San Pedro River Expedition (on foot)

1997 – Outdoor Book Award for the *Ragged Mountain Guide to Outdoor Sports*
1997 – National Park Service Award for Interpretive Excellence, *50 Common Reptiles & Amphibians*
1993 – Mackenzie River - Arctic Ocean Expedition (sea kayak, from Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk)

Books (*indicates co-authored with husband Jonathan)

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San Pedro River: Natural and Cultural History Discovery Guide (University of Arizona Press, 2001)

Animal Tracking (Globe Pequot Books, 2000).

Natural History of the Sonoran Desert (Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, 1999) chapter contributors*

National Park Tours of the Southwest (Southwest Parks and Monuments Association, 1999)

Backroad Adventuring in Your Sport Utility Vehicle (McGraw-Hill's Ragged Mountain Press, 1998)*

50 Common Reptiles and Amphibians of the Southwest (SW Parks & Monuments Association, 1997)*

Ragged Mountain Guide to Outdoor Sports (McGraw-Hill's Ragged Mountain Press, 1997)*

Southern Arizona Nature Almanac (Pruett Publishing, 1996; UA Press reprint 2001)*

Desert Dogs (Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum Press, 1996)*

Discovering the Desert Museum and the Sonoran Desert Region (ASDM Press, 1996)*

Book Editing

Basic Essentials Guide to Outdoor Photography (Globe Pequot, 2007 edition)

Essential Sea Kayaking (Ragged Mountain Press, 2000)

Amazing Arthropods (ASDM Press, 1997)

The Nature of Arizona (Waterford Press, 1996)

Whole Paddler's Catalog (Ragged Mountain Press, 1996)

Magazine Credits

Outside, Arizona Highways, Sunset, Audubon, Backpacker, Sea Kayaker, Overland Journal

Education

University of Arizona, BA, Cum Laude, Liberal Arts, Journalism and Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Languages and Skills

Conversational Spanish

Nature guide, with first aid/CPR certification

Interpretive naturalist specialties: birds, mammals, butterflies, plants, ecosystems, animal tracking, environmental issues

Outdoor interests include hiking, biking, sea kayaking, bird watching, and hunting

Personal History

Born in Tucson, Arizona, August 4, 1964

Married to Jonathan M. Hanson since 1984