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Let's Go Wild

In rainforests, in savannas, in the mountains or at the depths of the oceans – all over the world, animals have adapted biologically and behaviorally to their differing habitats. In recent years and employing up-to-the-minute technology such as high-speed cameras and ultra-sensitive sensors, filmmakers have been able to capture extraordinary images of animals and their habitats thus far shielded from the gaze of humans. The more we learn about how animals live in the wild, the more amazed we are at the marvels they represent.

01 Serengeti Adventure – Capturing Animals on Camera

The endless expanse of the Serengeti in eastern Africa is one of the world's best-known wild animal habitats. Reinhard Radke spent two years there observing herds of gnus, crocodiles and cheetahs to create a fascinating and breathtaking film.

02 Andean Bears – The Shy Mountain-Dwellers

The only bear native to South America lives in the cloud forests of the High Andes. Andean bears are the last remaining species of short-faced bear. The diet of these timid creatures consists primarily of plants and fruit, though they will occasionally attack and kill for meat. The Andean bears and their habitat are largely unprotected, and humans are posing an increasing threat to the population.

03 Africa's Largest Elephants – Big Tuskers

Big Tusker is the name given to Africa's most powerful bull elephants, whose tusks weigh at least 50 kilograms each. There are thought to be just 40 surviving Big Tuskers on the entire continent. At the Krüger National Park in South Africa, we gain an insight into the lives of Africa's last giants.

O4 Polar Bears in the Grass – Canada's Remarkable Predators

Hudson Bay in northeastern Canada is home to the world's only polar bears that live mainly in forests and on grassland, which are only covered in ice during the winter. Once that ice has melted, the bears are forced to revert to a predominantly herbivorous diet, and a tough battle for survival begins again.

05 Giant Anteaters – The Peculiar Loners

Whether in marshlands, forests or savannas, the giant anteater can be found in a range of habitats in Central and South America. Regardless of where it lives, the anteater's chief concern is to find an abundance of ants and termites. We observe these curious animals in the pristine tropical wetlands of the Pantanal basin in Brazil.

06 Dragonflies – Agile Hunters of the Air

Dragonflies have lived on earth for 320 million years. They spend most of their lives as larvae underwater, until they emerge as adults and take to the skies as consummate hunters. Using high-speed cameras, we show the complex beauty of a dragonfly's flight.

07 Anaconda – The Queen of the Snakes

The anaconda is one of the largest snakes in the world. Some specimens grow to a length of nine meters. When it comes to the lives of these huge reptiles, there are still many unanswered questions. Anacondas inhabit the northern lowlands of South America, and spend much of their time under water. We visited some living along the rivers of a remote Brazilian forest.

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