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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 VoD HD

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 HD

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 HD

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.

04 Polar Bears in the Grass – Canada's Remarkable Predators HD

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 HD

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 VoD HD

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.

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07 **Anaconda – The Queen of the Snakes** HD

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.

08 **Kea – New Zealand's Quirky Parrots** VoD HD

Kea or Mountain Parrots are among the most intelligent birds of all. The only parrots that can live in snowy climes, they are highly playful creatures that like to experiment. This makes them unpopular with people who live in the alpine regions of New Zealand, where few pieces of technical equipment are safe from the inquisitive birds.

09 **Giant Otters – The Sociable Hunters** HD

Giant otters live in the rivers, lakes and swamps of South America's tropical rainforests. Apart from their size, their highly developed social behavior also makes them distinct from other otters. The animals live in groups of up to 10 and hunt, sleep, play and raise their young together.

10 **Termites – Highly-Efficient Builders** VoD HD

They shy away from sunlight and some species are even blind, but termites are outstanding architects, perfect road builders, optimally organised harvesters and, above all, efficient users of energy. Their nests are architectural works of art and are home to highly-complex societies made up of different castes with specialist functions.

11 **Jaguar – The Majestic Beauty** HD

The jaguar is the world's third-largest cat, and king of the South and Central American rainforests and savannas. These animals prefer habitats that are humid and close to the water, and occupy large swathes of territory which they patrol alone. The jaguar was revered as a deity in many Native American cultures. But to this day, little is known about its way of life.

12 **Raccoons – Adaptable Cosmopolitans** VoD HD

The raccoon is indigenous to North America, where it is a common sight. But now there are also large populations of the animal in Europe. Recent research shows that they inflict very little damage on the biodiversity of their new homes. The intelligent, adaptable mammals are omnivores that are active at dusk and during the night, and they evidently like to live in close proximity to humans.

13 **Meerkats – Vigilant Foragers** HD

Meerkats live in arid regions of southern Africa. They lead a highly sociable existence in groups of up to nine, feeding mainly on insects and other arthropods. Several groups can join together to form a mob, which then shares an underground burrow complex.

14 **Indian Lions – The Kings of Gujarat** HD

Lions are not only indigenous to Africa. They were once a common sight in Asia too. Today, only a few hundred are left there, and they all live in and around the Gir Forest National Park in the Indian state of Gujarat. Thanks to a comprehensive protection scheme, the population is beginning to recover.

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15 Manatees – Friendly Giants of the Caribbean VoD HD

Many West Indian manatees like to spend the winter in the warm waters of Florida, gathering at springs or in river estuaries. But there they face the constant danger of collision with motor boats. Many manatees are injured or killed by propellers. If they are lucky, the wounded are taken to their very own hospital at Tampa Zoo.

16 Komodos – The Last Dragons HD

The Komodo dragon is the world's largest species of lizard, and can be found in the Lesser Sunda Islands of Indonesia. Komodo dragons are hunters and scavengers that feed on large animals. They also eat smaller members of their own species. Toxins in their saliva help incapacitate their prey.

17 White Storks – Europe's Summer Guests VoD HD

As winter approaches in the northern hemisphere, white storks head south to sub-Saharan Africa or southern Asia. The return journey takes many to Central Europe, where they spend the summer. There they have about 100 days to find a mate, breed and raise their young before their next departure.

18 Hippopotamuses – Heavyweight Water Dwellers VoD HD

Hippos are among the world's heaviest land mammals. They live in Kenya, Zambia and other countries of sub-Saharan Africa. They spend their days bathing in rivers. By night, they graze on land. They may appear docile, but when it comes to defending their young, hippos can become extremely aggressive.

19 Monarchs – The Long-Haul Butterflies HD

Monarch butterflies have striking orange and black wings and live in North America. But what makes them very special is their annual two-way migration to sunnier climes in Mexico and back again. It takes three or four generations to make the lengthy trip. Their mass migration is a magnificent spectacle.

20 Asia's Rhinos – Rare Loners HD

The Sumatran rhino is a critically endangered species. It's thought they may number less than 200. Its larger relative the Indian rhinoceros is faring only slightly better, with around 3,000 animals living in parts of northern India and Nepal. Members of both species live mostly solitary lives.

21 Amur Tigers – The World's Biggest Feline Predators HD

The Amur tiger is the largest living tiger subspecies. There are only 500 of them, and they live in eastern Russia, China and North Korea. No other tigers live so far north. The primary threats to these majestic hunters are the degradation of their habitat and poaching.

22 Dormice – Agile Nocturnal Climbers VoD HD

The dormouse is a cute and cuddly rodent common in parts of Europe and Asia. They are nocturnal and they hibernate for up to seven months. When they're not sleeping, they spend much of their time climbing in trees and bushes. While other animals have an entire year, dormice are under pressure to complete all the tasks necessary for their survival during the short summer nights.

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23 European Brown Bears – Masters of the Carpathians VoD HD

The brown bear is the largest land-based carnivore in Europe. These days, it only lives in highly inaccessible regions. There are several thousand bears still living in the Carpathian Mountains of Poland, Slovakia, Romania and Ukraine. Here, they preside over the food chain and fulfil an important ecological role.

24 Sperm Whales – The Deep Divers of the Animal Kingdom VoD HD

Sperm whales are the largest species of toothed whale. They hunt large squid at depths of up to 3,000 meters, and are present in all the world's oceans. Hunted intensively in the past, they are still considered an endangered species. Sperm whales display complex social behaviors, but we still know very little about them.

25 Asian Elephants – The Thoughtful Giants HD

Asian elephants are a little smaller than their African cousins. Their temperament is considerably gentler, which is why they are still used as working animals in Asia to this day. In the wild, Asian elephants are nocturnal and semi-nocturnal and can be found in a diverse range of habitats – places that are increasingly encroached upon by humans.

26 Red Wood Ants – Eurasia's Forest Police VoD HD

Red wood ants improve the soil, spread plant seeds, remove cadavers and prevent the mass reproduction of other insects: they are hugely important for the ecosystem of the forests of Europe and Asia. They are a protected species in some countries, but occasionally it is necessary to relocate a colony.