

Friday 1 May 2026

06.00 **Baby Animals: Joined at the Hip**

The animal kingdom can be a harsh place, but some baby animals have a family ready to take care of their needs. Meet some of these adorable babies and their clans: a koala joey, European elk twins, a litter of Asian short-clawed otters, and black howler monkey youngsters.

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06.00 Baby Animals: Ugly Cute

Not all baby animals are cute. Often, quirky physical traits are evolutionary adaptations that have helped a species survive. Visit four funny-looking youngsters, including a Baird tapir, two baby gelada baboons, an anteater and a Bactrian camel.

06.25 Animals at Play: The Power of Playtime

Explore the ways that animals use play, including young gibbons in Thailand that practice falling from branches, elderly macaques that preserve their brains with playtime, and games that sharpen the profound intelligence of African elephants.

07.20 Alaskan Summer: Episode 1

Nearly 20 hours of sunlight a day feed the season of abundance. Warmth unlocks water from the glaciers, ice caves and waterfalls. The water crashes into countless streams of the Inside Passage, feeding forest and wildlife alike. From June to August, Alaska becomes a paradise for its wildlife.

08.15 Into the Wild Colombia: A Capuchin's Tale

Growing up in the rainforests in the heart of Colombia, a young capuchin monkey has to master his climbing skills, learn how to find food and learn to distinguish friend from foe.

09.10 Into the Wild Colombia: The Hummingbird's Quest

From Colombia's high plains of the Páramo to its tropical forests, hummingbirds have evolved into an extraordinary number of species. Whether battling freezing rain or jungle predators, each mother must struggle to build a nest, protect her eggs.

10.05 Into the Wild Colombia: Warriors of the Llanos

The flat savannas of the Colombian Llanos are governed by seasonal extremes that push life to the brink. In this unforgiving arena, there are no second chances, and only creatures best adapted to their brutal extremes will make it through a year.

11.00 Into the Wild Colombia: Finding a Family

Mona, a female cotton top tamarin is all alone in her tropical forest home. She has left the security of her birth family to search for an unrelated troop which might provide her with a future mate.

11.50 Into the Wild Colombia: Romeo and Julieta

This is the story of Julieta, a female golden dart frog, in search of her Romeo. She's about to lay her eggs and must find a male to fertilize them. Romeo's calls guide her through the forest, but crossing the dense rainforest is no easy feat.

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Florida is famous for its sandy shores—and there's plenty to go around. Florida has the most tidal shoreline of any state in the continental USA. These ocean-side playgrounds are also critical habitats for threatened and endangered species.

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At either edge of the province, Nova Scotia proves that any beach is built from raw forces in opposition, but also that balance between those forces is necessary if life is to thrive.

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The Yucatán Peninsula is home to tourists, sea turtles, and sargassum seaweed. How do the three coexist in harmony? Is it sustainable? Uncover the secrets behind this Mexican beach, including an ancient birthing ritual that takes place each year.

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Get ready to understand the science behind Hawaii's stunning beaches. Why does sand appear white, yellow, black, green and red? How do active volcanoes change the coastline? Are other forces at play in shaping these incredible beaches?

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The sprawling primate family includes animals as different as monkeys, lemurs and humans. Follow primate babies to see how they bond with their mothers, learn to socialize, and adapt to an ever-changing environment.

06.25 Animals at Play: Rules of the Game

Young hyenas compete in tug of war, mischievous parrots play at picking apart tourists' cars, and Atlantic spotted dolphins enjoy sophisticated social games amid seaweed—all following specific rules that hone social bonds.

07.20 Secret Life of the Koala: Koala Country

Despite being one of Australia's best-known marsupials, koalas live only in the east and southeast parts of the continent. Learn how their lives and behaviors vary in these different regions.

08.15 Secret Life of the Koala: Breeding Season

Koalas may seem solitary and inert, but mating season brings a dramatic shift in their behavior, leading to movement, contact, and conflict. As breeding season begins, follow two large males on a mission to mate.

09.10 Great Blue Wild: Sea of Cortez

Cabo Pulmo, a tiny ocean community on the shores of Mexico's Sea of Cortez, is home to an extraordinary story of marine recovery. By the mid-1980s, this near-pristine coral reef was all but wiped out – decimated by reckless overfishing. That is, until those same fishermen abandoned their way of life and fought to save what Jacques Cousteau once called 'the aquarium of the world'.

10.05 Great Blue Wild: Palau Shark Sanctuary

Palau is a tiny country with a big story. In 2009, this island nation in the middle of the western Pacific Ocean created the world's first shark sanctuary to protect more than 100 shark species from reckless overfishing and the brutal practice of commercial shark finning. Then, in 2014, Palau once again led the way. It established the world's largest marine sanctuary – a no-go zone for foreign commercial fisheries nearly the size of California.

11.00 Great Blue Wild: Giants of Palau

Palau, a tiny island nation in the middle of the western Pacific ocean, is a land of giants. Large manta rays soar through its azure seas. Massive Second World War wrecks harbor dark secrets on the ocean floor. The archipelago is surrounded by a colossal underwater trench that reaches more than half a mile down

into unseen depths. Its reef, one the largest living structures on the planet, is home to more than 1,500 species of fish.

11.50 Great Blue Wild: Indonesia - the Secret Life of Manta Rays

The remote islands of Raja Ampat in the Indonesian archipelago are home to a diversity of marine life, including the secretive giants of the ocean - manta rays. A team of researchers from Conservation International heads out on an expedition to learn more about the biology, population size and migration patterns of these astonishing animals to protect them from overfishing outside of marine-protected areas.

12.40 Survival of the Beast: Leopard

Prowl the Sri Lankan jungle with the leopard, who is a master of camouflage. See how this formidable feline hunter has adapted perfectly to the hot, dry climate on the island, then discover its best tricks for stalking and catching deer.

13.35 Extreme Africa: Dragon Mountain: Surviving the Summit

South Africa's Drakensberg is one of the continent's most impressive landscapes. It is home to sharp climatic and ecological gradients as physical conditions change for both land-based creatures and the Raptors that swirl in the skies above.

14.30 Extreme Africa: Lake Manyara National Park

In north Tanzania, towering mountains line a dramatic valley. Enriched by ancient volcanoes, its slopes provide a variety of habitats for life to thrive and its great centerpiece holds water through even the driest of times.

15.25 Extreme Africa: The Simien Mountains

Simien Mountains National Park in Ethiopia is home to some of the rarest creatures on earth. Take a glimpse into life on some of the highest peaks in Africa, in the last stronghold of shaggy, grass-grazing Geladas, elusive Simien wolves and horned Walia ibex.

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Respond to danger on a rural property with Mick and Adele, who brave a fired-up brown snake. Tread carefully as Jess and Dan extract a python from a play area, and get spooked when a chicken-hunting python squashes Liv's hand during a tense rescue.

06.25 Deep Dive Australia: Tropical Shores

Explore the shores of the Northern Territory and the abundant waters of

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07.20 Deep Dive Australia: The Cool South

Say goodbye to the tropics and dip into cool southern-coast waters. Come face to face with majestic grey nurse sharks, shape-shifting cuttlefish, and huge blue whales; play with penguins and sea lions; and learn why these seas are brimming with life.

08.15 Deep Dive Australia: The Wild West

Complete the trip's final lap in the untamed lands where Australia's interior desert meets the hot, hostile Indian Ocean. Confront the challenges of survival in this region as Lizzie dives with tiger sharks, manta rays, and nomadic turtles.

09.10 Loons: A Cry from the Mist: Episode 1

Race the clock with biologists as they try to figure out why North American loons are suddenly in danger. Unlock the mysterious lives of these beloved birds, and ponder whether their cries will continue to be summer's soundtrack or go silent forever.

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The forests of Yala National Park are home to the enigmatic sloth bear. Shy by nature, this animal is seldom seen and rarely filmed. Join a team of wildlife filmmakers as they reveal this mysterious bear's life and behaviour as never seen before.

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- 06.25 Life's Journey: Life Begins**
For the first few weeks of life, the world is a frightening place. Danger lurks

around every corner. It pays to be alert. Whether predator or prey. Any day might be your last. The race is on to grow up fast- for even the largest animals are vulnerable to attack.

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If young animals survive until adulthood, the chances for survival are greatly increased - but many challenges face them before they can strike out on their own. Some have months to grow-up; other have decades - but all, have lots to learn along the way. From getting to grips with their bodies and learning to feed themselves, to practicing fighting skills and learning how to form friendships. There are many hurdles along the way, but every small success could mean the difference between life and death.
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For every species on earth the right to mate is the purpose of life. Passing on your genes to the next generation is every animal's legacy. But it's not easy, it can be a struggle to find a mate and then a fight to gain access. Only the strongest and most determined will win at Luangwa's mating game.
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The Indonesian archipelago lies in the heart of the Coral Triangle, a region of the ocean recognized worldwide as the center of marine biodiversity. With the highest number of coral and fish species on earth, Indonesia has the richest reefs on the planet - but these reefs are under threat...
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Buried beneath a seabed littered with trash, a community of strange and fascinating creatures thrives against all odds. In this mucky ecosystem, predators and prey run an evolutionary arms race developing unlikely techniques of attack and defense.
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The Maldives face an uncertain future as rising sea levels threaten to wipe out the tiny island. See how researchers are rebuilding the reef around the island, working to save sea turtles, and uncovering complex behaviours of resident manta rays.
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06.25 Kenya Wildlife Diaries: Haven of Giants

Lewa Conservancy is working to return elephants to territory from Mt. Kenya to Samburu National Park. They've also

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For Tasmanian devils, dominance is the name of the game during mating season. Meet males who fight for the right to pass on their genes, and learn about the violent, noisy etiquette of these carnivorous marsupials' mealtime.

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Explore beautiful Heidelberg Castle whose ruins stand in imposing wonder beside the river Neckar in Western Germany. Surrounded by a protected nature reserve, the castle is home to birds of prey and acts as a spawning ground for nearby amphibians.

09.10 Wild Castles: Carcassonne

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10.05 Wild Castles: Predjama

Discover the world's largest castle carved into a cave. Predjama, in Slovenia, has provided protection not only for its Medieval human inhabitants, but also serves as a haven for the birds, boars, and mountain goats that live in the region.

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Tour the marvelous Alhambra, a must-see fortress in Spain's Grenada region. Today this world heritage site acts as a refuge for the region's wildlife. With its many streams and fountains, Alhambra serves amphibian, fish, and bird alike.

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Join two seriously ill orangutans in the medical clinic, where Erik's head infection is causing concern and fourteen-year-old Mia's life depends on a blood transfusion. Outside the clinic, the infants find a secret treat hidden inside a rubber tree.

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Tasmanian Devils might have the most infamous reputations of any of the country's marsupials, but these spirited scrappers also have another side. They're committed parents and heroic defenders of their pouch-reared young.

08.15 Reef Wrecks: Reef Wrecks of Bonaire

Bonaire's fringing reef is home to thousands of species of corals, fish and other marine animals. It is also home to a collection of stunning shipwrecks. These wrecks evolve over time, becoming artificial reefs that support an incredibly diverse marine habitat.

09.10 Reef Wrecks: Florida Keys Shipwreck Trail

The Florida Keys is the first line of defence for the southern US. With a rich naval history and a coastal lifestyle, it's easy to believe locals who claim these waters are home to as many as 1000 shipwrecks.

10.05 Reef Wrecks: Bahamas Hollywood Wrecks

The Bahamas is known as the "underwater movie capital of the world". Hollywood has been coming here for decades, making epic movies and TV shows in its crystal clear waters, leaving behind a host of cinematic shipwrecks.

11.00 Reef Wrecks: Reef Wrecks of Roatan

This island of the coast of Honduras stands out as a vacation resort hot spot. But it's not just the sun and sand that brings the tourists in droves. It's actually a diver's paradise with shipwrecks scattered from all corners of the island.

11.50 Reef Wrecks: Mexico's Artificial Reefs

From opportunistic pirate ships, to well-armed navy vessels, Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula is steeped in maritime history.

12.40 Wild Birds of Australia: The Feathering Nest

Successful breeding is critical to the survival of any bird species, and in this episode we meet four species of birds which go to exceptional lengths to find mates and raise their young, giving the next generation the best chance of life. Wherever they live, these birds have got their work cut out, holding their territory against invaders, attracting and winning partners and safeguarding their chicks.

13.35 Arctic Secrets: Rhythm of the Bay

The Hudson Bay lowlands are part of North America's largest wetland. Over 300,000 square kilometers of muskeg, a vast bogland as far as the eye can see characterized by water soaked peat, mosses and stunted trees. Once thought of as barren wasteland, it is now understood that these bogs are crucially important to life on earth. Globally, there is as much carbon dioxide held in wetlands as there is in the atmosphere. The peatland

ecosystem is the most efficient carbon sink on the planet.

14.30 Arctic Secrets: Yukon Wild

The Yukon is a true wilderness, one of the last on Earth. The vast land got its name from its longest river, which the Gwich'in, one of the indigenous people of the region, call "Yu-kun- ah", or, the "great river". The third longest waterway in North America, the Yukon River flows through wide open valleys and narrow channels over 3,000 km Northwest towards the storm tossed Bering Sea.

15.25 Arctic Secrets: Waiting for Winter

It's November at Cape Tatnam. Winter is coming to the lower Western shore of Hudson Bay. But the ice - which should be forming on Hudson Bay by now - is nowhere to be seen. 2016 has been the warmest year on record. In late November, the temperature is 10 degrees warmer than its average. Climate change is wreaking havoc across the North. At just below zero degrees Celsius, the sea cannot freeze.

16.20 Wildlife Icons: The Clean Up Crew

Winter in Marakele National Park is one of the scarcest, but also most plentiful, times of the year. See how a giraffe's demise becomes a source of life for the region's vultures, whose survival depends on the decaying flesh of animals like these.

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Celebrate small but mighty animal warriors armed with sheaves of scary

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Battle wind and waves to find a sea lion trapped in a plastic ring. Then visit the rescue center, where over 80 orphan seals must be fed several times a day to prepare for release into the wild, and see an Amazonian duck get a miraculous operation.

10.05 Wild Pacific Rescue: One Very Lost Sea Turtle

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Learn why bigger is definitely better for these alphas. Go ringside for a gorilla wrestling match, stay away from pushy moose antlers, steer clear of long pelican bills that snap at any enemy within range, and marvel at a megashark's stereo sniffer.

06.25 Kenya Wildlife Diaries: Horses of the Sun

Grévy's zebras population has dropped by 50% in less than 20 years. Environmentalists say that if we aren't vigilant, they could disappear all together. Lewa Conservancy is at the heart of efforts to protect the species so that they can replenish their numbers

07.20 Amazing Animal Friends: Born to Be Different

This episode of Amazing Animal Friends features a duck that won't go in the water without a ride from her pooch pal, an elephant that thinks she's a buffalo, and a herd of cows that adopt an orphaned deer.

08.15 Amazing Animal Friends: A Friend in Need

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09.10 Amazing Animal Friends: The Young Ones

In this episode of Amazing Animal Friends a rescued orphaned rhino befriended by a playful dog and doting sheep, a big bunny rabbit that babysits boisterous baby lambs, and a porcupine that helps two English bulldogs rehabilitate injured animals.

10.05 Macro Worlds: Winter is Coming

As soon as the days get cold and dark insects begin to disappear from the meadows and fields. Their sun and hum slowly fades away and will finally be gone. All animals have their special ways to survive winter. Migrating birds like swallows and cranes fly towards south, a lot of mammals like deer get a thick winter fur or hide away and sleep where it's warm. But what do insects do? And why are they all back in spring?

11.00 Macro Worlds: Meadow of Horror

It is horror! It is murder! Brutal death as well as exciting fights with an exceptional last-minute rescue. And after seeing it – you will know the creepiest spot is actually the meadow in your neighborhood. With stylistic

devices from the horror genre this extraordinary nature documentary takes you on a journey following a well-known hero with six legs, red wings and seven black dots through a seemingly normal meadow – but full of monsters.

11.50 **Macro Worlds: God's Darling: Beetles**

Beetles have inhabited the Earth for more than 240 million years. There are around 380,000 kinds of beetles known to scientists and every year hundreds of new species are discovered. One fourth of the world's animals are beetles. They have conquered almost every corner and every habitat on the planet and they have survived every global disaster. What is it that makes them so successful?

12.40 **Orangutan Jungle School: Born to Be Wild**

Trouble brews when the team makes the final attempt to reunite reluctant mother Dilla with her new baby Delilah. And Alba, the world's only known albino orangutan, amazes her friends with her unique approach to termite foraging.

13.35 **Undiscovered Vistas: Iceland: Fire**

Learn about the world's largest volcanic island, a lone and rugged place where steam escapes, water explodes, and new ground is born every day. See how fire and ice collide in a battle that makes this the most geologically powerful island on earth.

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Power-up with alphas who use might to subdue enemies. Marvel when sea lions throw their weight around to win a mate, Cape buffalo deliver knockout punches, Canada geese hit hard with their wings, and lionesses rule the savannah with an iron paw.

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Kenya's growing human population is taking land and resources away from wildlife. The squeeze is creating increasing numbers of conflicts between humans and animals, and is one of the biggest issues in African conservation.

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Meet more Amazing Animal Friends, an animal shelter puppy that helps a captive cheetah cub get ready for the wild, and an injured monkey who wins over a pack of unfriendly dogs and a lonely mongoose that enjoys foraging with a flock of sheep.

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10.05 **Ireland's Wild Islands with Eoin Warner: Sea of Serpents**

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Cape Town, South Africa is home to twenty types of frogs, but many are threatened by urban development. Meet a variety of the region's species as we follow western leopard toads on their tenuous journey to breed in the city's shrinking wetlands.
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- 06.25 Planet Weird: Villains**
Meet nature's most wanted and see why the baddest of the bad don't get the respect they deserve. Admire the great white shark's electrical sensors, the razor-sharp limbs of the dead leaf mantis, and the zombie-creating powers of cordyceps fungi.
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Unravel strange alliances that ensure mutual success in the wild. Explore the partnership between clownfish and anemones, watch oxpeckers keep savannah residents healthy, and review the quid-pro-poo agreements of dung beetles and pitcher plants.
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- 10.05 Gangs of Lemur Island: Under Pressure**
As food and water become scarce, Crystal, the fierce leader of the Ruins gang, sets her sights on rival Kati's territory and its neighboring fruit trees. Watch as Crystal's move and a raid by

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- 11.00 Undiscovered Vistas: Ireland**
Explore an island surrounded by the mighty Atlantic ocean, subjected to pounding waves and driving rain. From the Cliffs of Moher to the Giant's Causeway, this land has been shaped and reshaped by the power of water and violent geological forces.
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Kenya takes a major step with the opening of its first community-run rhino sanctuary in the heart of Samburu territory. The threat to Kenya's rhinos from armed, illegal poaching gangs is the highest it's been in 40 years, which makes the sanctuary vital.
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Millions of years ago, castaway creatures were stranded on the rugged shores of Madagascar. Left to evolve on their own, they've found a way to perfectly adapt to their tropical climate. Now, see what life is like for a family of ring-tailed lemurs.
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The island is the land of Lemurs. Lemurs are fascinating arboreal primitive primates of Madagascar
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Hogsback, South Africa, is home to two fascinating primates: The Samango monkeys and the Cape Parrots. See how they overcome habit loss, travel across town for food, and make the most of a difficult situation.
- 10.05 Land of Primates: Baboons of Bamblela**
The Bamblela Troop is a successful and gregarious troop of Chacma Baboons that live in a pristine valley in the Waterberg Mountains of South Africa. But they have a problem—they're not the only baboons around.
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The gelada is a rare monkey that lives in the Simien Mountains of Ethiopia. They're charismatic, vocal, and mix affection and confrontation. Watch as they face the challenges of their habitat—and each other.
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- 12.40 Undiscovered Vistas: Ireland**
Explore an island surrounded by the mighty Atlantic ocean, subjected to pounding waves and driving rain. From the Cliffs of Moher to the Giant's Causeway, this land has been shaped and reshaped by the power of water and violent geological forces.
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Journey to the wild Pacific coast on the western shore of Vancouver Island in British Columbia. From the peaks of mountain glaciers to the canopies of Canada's only rainforest, nature and human spirit coexist in spectacular habitats.
- 14.30 Guardians of the Wild: Big Move**
The Lilayi Elephant Nursery near Lusaka in Zambia is home to four orphan elephants. The two oldest, four-year-olds Musolole and Zambezi, have been here since they were just a few months old. These boisterous babies are out-growing the nursery and it's time to move to big school. Two hundred miles away, in the heart of Kafue National Park, lies elephant heaven - Camp Phoenix, the project's release facility, where older orphans are already adapting to life in the wild.
- 15.25 Guardians of the Wild: Zambia's Peaceful Primates**
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At the water's edge a brave group of male penguins gather, preparing to make the dangerous journey ashore. With many threats ahead, there is

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- 09.10 Wildest New Zealand: Untamed West**
New Zealand's West Coast is like nowhere else on Earth. From glacier-covered mountains to rain-drenched native forests to rough frigid seas, the landscape defies belief. Isolated from the rest of the world, this strip of almost untouched wilderness hides a host of endemic animals. Evolutionary castaways, every one of them is a rare ecological jewel. From alpine parrots and shy penguins to mammal-like kiwis and ancient eels. To survive the conditions the wildlife here has to be hardy, cunning and resourceful. A journey along the West Coast reveals the beauty of this land, and the trials and tribulations of the wildlife that live here.
- 10.05 Wildest New Zealand: Wild Fortresses**
In New Zealand, two wild fortresses protect the vulnerable native animals: One a remote island protected by a moat of saltwater, the other a hilltop citadel surrounded by a predator-proof barrier. This is the story of these delicate sanctuaries and the life that thrives within them.
- 11.00 Wildest New Zealand: Ocean Legacy**
Spring on New Zealand's east coast is a time of promise for the New Zealand Fur Seal and the Northern Royal Albatross. They've returned to their land to breed. But harsh terrain, fickle weather and hungry predators will conspire to make lives difficult for them. Only the strongest will survive to carry forward their legacy.
- 11.50 Wildest New Zealand: Creepiest Crawlies**
New Zealand's isolated islands are famed as an unusual paradise, home to a variety of unique wildlife. Best known for its flightless birds, ancient reptiles and coastal mammals, a closer look reveals another world. A land of miniature monsters, Lilliputian predators and tiny terrors that lead remarkable lives, where every hunter is also the hunted and survival is always a giant struggle. Journey into the undergrowth and discover life on a different scale. From giant carnivorous centipedes and nocturnal crickets to fishing spiders and glowing worms with silken traps. Weird and wonderful, these unsung heroes are Wildest New Zealand's Creepiest Crawlies.
- 12.40 Animal Empires: Family**
Every empire needs a succession plan. Making babies – and raising them – is crucial for every species to survive. In some social circles, it takes a village to raise a family. In others, a single parent is all that stands between the vulnerability of youth and the threats of the wild.
- 13.35 Animal Empires: Rebuilding an Empire**
Over the course of recorded time, many species have been threatened with extinction. Once-powerful animal empires – like the dinosaurs - have been completely wiped from the planet.

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- 14.30 Animal Empires: Animals Gone Wild**
As the popular characters of songs and stories, farm animals are celebrated all over the world. But few stories tell of their sister species who live in the wild. These animals known primarily as livestock, beasts of burden, or even pets must fend for themselves beyond the fences of their domesticated kin.
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