



Animal Atlas
Season 8
Episode Synopses

801. *Monkey Around*

A look into the world of the “not great” apes—including the amazing singing siamangs, the sopranos of the forest—that are smaller than the great apes and often confused with monkeys.

802. *Aquatic Mammals*

A look at the rare mammals that live in the ocean, such as dolphins and whales, and how their food and environment make them appear and act unique.

803. *Kingdom of Animal Names*

The origin of animals’ names and the interesting stories behind their meanings.

804. *Moving Right Along*

An animal’s legs and feet can reveal information about its home, its food, and how it survives.

805. *School of Mammals*

What makes a mammal a mammal? Hint: It isn’t just feeding its young with milk. It’s a whole lot more.

806. *From Home to Farm to Wild*

A look into the animals that live in our homes and on our farms and how they became domesticated.

807. *Animal Populations*

A look into the reasons that some animal populations have dramatically decreased because of loss of habitat and climate change and what it means to be endangered.

808. *Going Amphibious*

A look at animals that live on land and underwater and how they survive submerged—from amphibians to turtles to swimming reptiles.

809. *Animals of the Largest Continent*

A look at the animals of Asia, such as tigers, great pandas, and great apes.

810. *Feathered Friends*

Grab your binoculars for this panoramic look at birds. We inspect their wings, beaks, feet, and how they fly. We'll also ask why the famed penguin and ostrich are flightless.

811. *Three Household Favorites*

The most recognizable animals in America may be dogs, cats, and horses. What makes them unique and how did they become members of our families?

812. *Into the Jungle*

We explore two of the great apes of Africa: the lowland gorilla and the chimpanzee.

813. *American Animals*

A look at animals, both unusual and familiar, from North and South America and an investigation into how they differ by continent.

814. *The Modern Zoo*

A look at the evolution of zoos from the simple caging of animals for recreational viewing to the construction of animal habitats to give captive animals more physical and mental stimulation.

815. *Surviving in the Wild*

How animals have adapted to survive the wild.

816. *Bear Country*

A look at bears from all over, including the polar bear, American black bear, the brown bear, and more.

817. *The Horse, Ofcourse*

Enter the world of the domestic horse. Learn where horses come from, who their relatives are in the wild, how they range in size, and what they have been bred to do.

818. *Reptile Roundup*

A rousing roundup of all the reptiles in the animal kingdom. First, what is a reptile? To answer that question, we have to travel way back in time, to the dinosaurs! We'll also look at who qualifies as a reptile and who doesn't. You might be surprised.

819. *Surprising Animal Facts*

A panoramic look at animals that are truly amazing, from the echidna, an egg-laying mammal, to a kangaroo that lives in trees, to the only living North American marsupial, the opossum.

820. *Which Animals Have Wings?*

An introduction to animals with wings from birds, to mammals, to insects, and what makes flight possible, and necessary, in the animal world.

821. *River Dwellers*

A journey down the life-sustaining river where near-the-water dwellers include the humongous Nile hippopotamus, the giant anteater, the river otter, and the strange looking bush dog.

822. *Big Animal Mixups*

Some of the whopping misconceptions that still exist from 'dolphins are fish' (not), to 'bald eagles are bald' (not), to the belief that there's only one kind of elephant (not).

823. *Butterflies*

Delving into the secrets of one of the most beloved insects in the world: the colorful, graceful, winged butterflies: what they eat, how they live and how they fly.

824. *Predatory Birds*

The great predatory birds, from the eagle to the hawk to the owl; how they hunt, how they fly, their super senses, and the adaptations that help them to pursue and capture prey; their fascinating historic relationship with mankind.

825. *Very Social Animals*

What animals are the most social of them all: a clan of meerkats, a prairie dog coterie and town, a group of dwarf mongooses; and what constitutes groups living together, from herds, to hives, to extended primate families.

826. *Flightless and Fabulous*

Flightless penguins: how they live and how they survive, and the neighboring puffin: why one can fly and the other can't.