



NATURE



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THIRTEEN's *Nature* follows the saga of a legendary wild horse, explores life's precious first hours, separates fact from fiction about one of Africa's deadliest snakes, and much more in Season 28, beginning in October 2009 on PBS

*Academy Award-winning actor F. Murray Abraham narrates **Nature's** 2009-2010 season filled with high definition productions.*

*Viewers can connect with the series at **Nature Online** (pbs.org/nature) with their comments and photos, sign up for e-newsletters and more.*

Last season, **Nature** took viewers to the edge of the world's most active volcano (*Kilauea: Mountain of Fire*) and to the top of the earth's largest waterfall (*Victoria Falls*), introduced its audience to some of the planet's most endangered species (*The Loneliest Animals*) and examined our unwavering love for our four-legged furry friends (*Why We Love Cats and Dogs*). These fascinating stories of the natural world have had critics praising **Nature's** enduring appeal, noting "Twenty-seven seasons of making parents feel like their kids watch at least one good hour of TV a week." (*St. Petersburg Times*) and applauding the series' irreplaceable status in its genre, "**Nature** stays at the top of the field." (Gannett News Service).

Nature is a production of THIRTEEN in association with WNET.ORG – one of America's most prolific and respected public media providers.

Starting this October, the Peabody and Emmy Award-winning series presents a new season of films by leading natural history filmmakers. Academy Award-winning actor F. Murray Abraham returns as the series narrator.

“If you’re craving a visual stimulus package, take a moment to rediscover the planet as a surprising home to creatures of amazing abilities and stories,” says Fred Kaufman, series Executive Producer. “This season on **Nature** we will continue the saga of Cloud, the remarkable wild stallion of the American west, and his band of conniving mustangs. We will also document the sparring between two top predators, bears and wolves, in Yellowstone. And, take comfort in the safety of your living room as we investigate the invasion of giant pythons in Florida’s Everglades. But wait, there’s more. Our growing Web site allows audiences to watch their favorite episodes on-line and to voice their opinions about our films.”

Nature's 28th Season kicks off on October 25, 2009 with **Cloud: Challenge of the Stallions**, the returning saga of Cloud, the wild, white stallion in the Arrowhead Mountains. For nearly a decade, Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Ginger Kathrens has followed his story from the day of his birth to his days as an indomitable leader of a band of mustangs in the Rockies. In the latest dramatic turn of events in Cloud’s life, the story turns to his two sons: Bolder, his son by birth, but raised by another stallion; and his adopted son, Flint. Who will rise to challenge Cloud’s reign?

Nature's new season features **Born Wild: The First Days of Life** (November 1, 2009) which documents the precious and perilous first days in the lives of various animals, from elephant to gorilla to toad. It is a film of intimate stories and moving dramas and comes to some surprising conclusions about ourselves. There will be an online photo contest to win a DVD of the film. Visit **Nature Online** for additional details. Another highlight is **Black Mamba** (November 8, 2009) in which a dedicated team of herpetologists in Swaziland in southern Africa attempts a public relations make-over for one of world’s most dangerous and venomous snakes. Also on **Nature** this fall, **Fellowship of the Whales** (November 15, 2009) tracks the first year of a humpback whale’s life as she learns the lessons of humpback society from her mother.

Other premiere broadcasts in **Nature's** Season 28 include:

Wolverine – Chasing the Phantom (working title)

Nature will take viewers into the secretive world of the largest and least known member of the weasel family to discover how the wolverine is one of the most efficient and resourceful carnivores on earth.

Invasion of the Giant Pythons (working title)

Florida’s Everglades National Park is one of the last great wildlife refuges in the United States. However, it is also the dumping ground for many animal invaders, including giant pythons. The pythons thrive in their new home, turning the refuge into less of a haven and more of a killing ground every day.

Clash: Encounters of Bears and Wolves (working title)

What happens when two great predators come face to face in Yellowstone? The grizzly and the wolf. They couldn’t be more different. The bear is a loner, ranging far and wide in search of resources. The wolf hunts to survive and finds its strength in speed and teamwork. When they meet, it’s all in knowing your own strengths and limitations in the heat of the moment in Yellowstone.

Moment of Impact – 2-hour special (working title)

When animals of astounding ability connect with each other and the world around them there is a “moment of impact.” The world is filled with these unique moments, like the blink-of-an-eye strike of a deadly cobra, and the amazing dexterity of an elephant’s trunk as it feeds, fights, or reaches out with affection. Using the latest technologies, HD camera lenses and computer graphics, ***Moment of Impact*** will take us *inside the animal* to present an innovative and revolutionary look at the bioengineering of “how animals work.”

Nature has won more than 450 honors from the television industry, the international wildlife film communities, and environmental organizations – including 10 Emmys, three Peabodys and the first award given to a television program by the Sierra Club. Most recently, the series won a Peabody Award for *Silence of the Bees* and received two Emmy nominations for *Crash: A Tale of Two Species* and *White Falcon, White Wolf*.

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Nature Online (pbs.org/nature) is the award-winning web companion to the broadcast series and is spearheading ***Nature***’s distribution to new media platforms. At ***Nature Online***, visitors can stream full episodes of ***Nature*** programs, watch behind-the-scenes video exclusives with filmmakers and producers (also available at iTunes), view program excerpts (also available on YouTube), and find fun interactive content, teacher lesson plans, and more. Join ***Nature*** on Facebook (facebook.com/PBSNature) and follow the series on Twitter (twitter.com/PBSNature) to keep up with the latest videos, photos, program alerts and more.

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