

Judy's Creek

Follow ecologist, educator, and author, Dr. Judy Li, into the world of caddisflies, the artisans of the aquatic world. With contagious passion, Judy shares how her childhood curiosity led to a career in freshwater science, and how she has found ways to share the joys of science with audiences of all ages. (5 min.)

Polar Bear Country

In the northern reaches of Manitoba, resting on the edge of Canada's Hudson Bay, sits the small town of Churchill. Home to fewer than 1,000 year-round residents, Churchill is a remarkable place: it plays host to an annual beluga whale migration, is visited by the Northern Lights over 300 times per year, and sits in a pristine tundra that truly embodies the term "wilderness." (16 min.)

The Joy of Parrots

The golden-shouldered parrot holds the dubious honor of being among Australia's most endangered birds. On Artemis Station, a private cattle ranch, work is underway to prevent their decline. Pastoralist Sue Shepherd has been collecting breeding data on the parrots for the last forty years, and the information she gathers on her nest-checks today will be instrumental in saving the golden-shouldered parrot. (6 min.)

Healing Giants

A conservation pilot in Kenya responds to an injured elephant caught in the growing human-wildlife conflict with local communities. As drought forces elephants onto farms in search of food, rangers and vets work to heal the elephant and address the challenges of coexistence, highlighting the urgent need for conservation in a rapidly changing environment. (4 min.)

Here the Wild Things Are*

Aotearoa joins a fun, global competition where ecologists and enthusiasts scour cities to uncover the weird and wonderful wild. But can they save the planet, one photo at a time? (9 min.)

Yuba Salmon Dance

Yuba Salmon Dance is a captivating short film that follows the incredible journey of Chinook salmon as they return to the Yuba River to spawn. The film captures the resilience and determination of these majestic fish who have navigated obstacles, both natural and manmade, to reach the place of their birth. Through breathtaking drone and underwater footage, we get an intimate and up-close-up look at the spawning grounds. This is the final dance for these fish as they select a mate, preform the spawning rituals, and lay their eggs and milk. After the dance is complete the Salmon will die and give their bodies and nutrients back to the river ecosystem. Salmon are one of the most giving species on earth and the greatest purveyor of ocean nutrients to the inland environment. (2 min.)

Intermission with door prizes drawing

Aldo's Bug Extravaganza

Join five-year-old Aldo and his dad on a backyard safari filled with tiny wonders and big laughs. Armed with a camera and boundless curiosity, Aldo embarks on a bug-hunting escapade, narrating his discoveries with adorable wit and charm. As the week unfolds, Aldo's wide-eyed explorations not only capture the audience's imagination, but also subtly echo the timeless wisdom of Aldo Leopold, making for a delightful and endearing ode to the joy of nature's smallest marvels. (6 min.)

Reconnected: Restoring the Rivers of Long Island Sound

Made by Reel Quest Films in collaboration with the River Restoration Network, "Reconnected: Restoring the Rivers of Long Island Sound" is a short documentary film that highlights the importance of stream barrier removal through interviews with community members, environmental experts, and river advocates. (20 min.)

CANAFORNIA

Everything Everywhere All on Bikes. What if you could go to a hotel where the elevator opened up to the perfect trail? Every floor a different zone? Would you ever leave? Welcome to Hotel Canafornia. (2 min.)

Eyes on the Forest

In the Congo Basin, a team of former poachers turned conservationists embarks on a mission to recover and replace camera traps. These vital tools track endangered species like bonobos, pangolins, and forest elephants, providing crucial data to monitor poaching and safeguard the region's biodiversity in its wildlife-rich yet threatened ecosystems. (4 min.)

Friends of the Frogpool Lane

Follow a group of vigilante crossing guards as they help frogs and salamanders navigate a busy road through a rainy Spring night, so these driven amphibians can arrive safely to the unique wetland that is critical for their life cycle. (7 min.)

Arctic Ice: Under the Midnight Sun

This film is a collaboration between filmmaker Michelle Sanders and composer Alice Boyd. An audiovisual exploration of the beauty of Arctic ice—and the perils it faces—the film is a love letter to an ecosystem on which we all depend, one which is rapidly disappearing. (3 min.)

It's Time

Set in the early spring thaw, this film weaves together maple syrup harvesting, Indigenous wisdom, and environmental awareness on the banks of the Sangamon River. Through mesmerizing visuals and flute melodies, this poetic film celebrates ancient traditions while awakening viewers to nature's delicate balance and our role in preserving it. (4 min.)

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