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Nature: Big Little Journeys Follows Six Tiny Animals on the Greatest Adventures of Their Lives

New three-part miniseries premieres Wednesdays, January 10-24 at 8/7c on PBS

Small animals must sometimes make epic journeys to find a home or a mate. While the distances may not seem monumental to us, grasses appear like skyscrapers and raindrops fall as big as cars to these little creatures. Meet six heroic, tiny travelers – a turtle, a bushbaby, a pangolin, a lion tamarin, a water vole and a chameleon – risking it all to complete big journeys against the odds. *Nature: Big Little Journeys* premieres <u>Wednesdays, January 10-24 at 8/7c on PBS (check local listings)</u>, pbs.org/nature, YouTube and the PBS App.

Working with scientists and conservationists around the world and using the latest camera technology, this series captures insights into the lives of the small but mighty. Each episode explores the journeys of two distinctive little animals:

Episode One, "Home"

Premieres Wednesday, January 10 at 8/7c on <u>PBS</u> (<u>check local listings</u>), <u>pbs.org/nature</u>, <u>YouTube</u> and the <u>PBS App</u>

In Canada, a walnut-sized turtle ventures through a forest of giants, dodging huge trucks along the highway. The newly hatched turtle is in search of the lake where she will spend the next 50 years of her life. In South Africa, a young bushbaby is expelled by his family and must journey into the unknown to find a new home. He is drawn toward the lights of the human world in the city of Pretoria.

Episode Two, "Survival"

Premieres Wednesday, January 17 at 8/7c on <u>PBS</u> (<u>check local listings</u>), <u>pbs.org/nature</u>, <u>YouTube</u> and the <u>PBS App</u>

In Taiwan, a Formosan pangolin travels through a land of giants to find a mate in a protected forest. The lonely male encounters dangerous and strange characters along the way, from a cobra to a Formosan moon bear. In Brazil's Atlantic Forest, a family of golden-headed lion tamarins, searching for food, journey to a land of plenty and face an ocelot and a monkeyeating harpy eagle in their path.

Episode Three, "Bloodlines"

Premieres Wednesday, January 24 at 8/7c on <u>PBS</u> (<u>check local listings</u>), <u>pbs.org/nature</u>, <u>YouTube</u> and the <u>PBS App</u>

In Madagascar's Kirindy Forest, a matchstick-sized chameleon goes on an epic journey through high trees and ground floors to find a mate and lay eggs before it's too late. A water vole in the Scottish Highlands swims a lake, climbs a waterfall and scales a mountain also to find a suitor and a place to raise her pups.

Since 1982, *Nature* has pioneered a television genre that is now widely emulated in the broadcast industry, bringing the natural world to millions of viewers. The series has won more than 700 honors from the television industry, the international wildlife film communities and environmental organizations, including 21 Emmys and three Peabodys. *Nature* is available for streaming concurrent with broadcast on all station-branded PBS platforms, including <u>PBS.org</u> and the <u>PBS App</u>, available on iOS, Android, Roku streaming devices, Apple TV, Android TV, Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Chromecast and VIZIO. Classic episodes are available on various FAST channel platforms and on PBS Passport.

Nature is a production of The WNET Group. Fred Kaufman is Executive Producer. Bill Murphy is Series Producer. Janet Hess is Series Editor. Danielle Broza is Digital Content & Strategy Lead. **Nature: Big Little Journeys** is a BBC Studios Natural History Unit production for PBS and BBC with The WNET Group. For BBC, Rosemary Edwards is Executive Producer and Paul Williams is Series Producer. The miniseries is narrated by Bumper Robinson.

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