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*Nature – Canada: Surviving the Wild North*

Premieres Wednesday, October 26 at 8 p.m. ET on PBS ([check local listings](http://www.pbs.org/tv_schedules/)), [pbs.org/nature](https://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/), [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/user/naturePBS) and the [PBS Video app](https://www.pbs.org/pbs-video-app/)

**Synopsis:**

Canada is a vast country, with the largest intact forest on the planet, more than two million lakes and rivers, and the longest coastline on Earth. This wild and rugged outpost is home to some of the world’s most astonishing wildlife such as polar bears, arctic foxes, coastal wolves, Canada lynx, great grey owls and caribou. Journey from the high arctic and tundra to the boreal forests, to discover how life manages to survive in the Wild North, where getting the timing right and seizing seasonal opportunities can make the difference between life and death.

**Featured Creatures:**

* Polar bears
* Beluga whales
* Arctic foxes
* Snow geese
* Mud shrimp
* Sandpipers
* Peregrine falcons
* Sea otters
* Black bears
* Salmon
* Canada lynx
* Snowshoe hares
* Snow voles
* Great Grey owl
* Flying squirrels
* Wolves
* Caribou
* Harp seals

**Short TV Listing**: Journey from Canada’s Arctic to the boreal forest and discover how animals survive in the North.

**Long TV Listing:** Journey from Canada’s Arctic to the boreal forest and discover how polar bears, coastal wolves, lynx and more survive in the North. Timing and seizing opportunity can mean the difference between life and death in this wild and rugged outpost.

**Buzzworthy Moments:**

* In the summer, polar bears lose more than two pounds of fat every day. Luckily, beluga whales arrive on the Arctic Circle to raise their young in the warm shallow waters of the estuary. In the open water the belugas are impossible to catch, but one clever polar bear male waits on a rock for the tides to rise and for the belugas to come closer to shore.
* In the mudflats of the Bay of Fundy, mud shrimps emerge to the surface to mate in late summer. But the pursuit of the opposite sex leaves them exposed to a migratory onslaught of more than 200,000 sandpipers. This flock of birds then brings an even bigger predator – the peregrine falcon, one of the fastest creatures on Earth.
* In the snowy winter, the red-backed vole uses a network of tunnels to find food, such as bark, seeds and berries. However, he has to escape the attention of weasels and one of its deadliest predators, a Great Grey owl.

**Noteworthy Facts:**

* Canada covers 4 million square miles of North America. It has the largest intact forest on Earth and more than 2 million rivers, lakes and streams.
* Canada has the longest coastline of any country on Earth, covering more than 150,000 miles. Nova Scotia, on the country’s east coast, has the most extreme tides on Earth.
* The Great Grey owl is the largest of its kind in the world. The circle of feathers around its face directs the faintest sounds to its ears, making it a deadly hunter.

**Series Overview:**

Since 1982,***Nature*** has brought the natural world to millions of viewers, pioneering a television genre that is now widely emulated in the broadcast industry. The series has won more than 700 honors from the television industry, the international wildlife film communities and environmental organizations, including 20 Emmys and three Peabodys. Consistently among the most-watched primetime series on PBS, ***Nature*** continues to innovate through original digital programming, such as the Webby Award-winning podcast ***Going Wild with Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant*** and digital series ***Animal IQ*** and ***Crash Course: Zoology***. ***Nature***’s award-winning website, [pbs.org/nature](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/), features full episodes, short films, digital series, behind-the-scenes content, news articles, educational resources and more.

***Nature*** is available for streaming concurrent with broadcast on all station-branded PBS platforms, including [PBS.org](http://pbs.org/) and the [PBS Video App](https://www.pbs.org/pbs-video-app/), available on iOS, Android, Roku streaming devices, Apple TV, Android TV, Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Chromecast and VIZIO. PBS station members can view many series, documentaries and specials via [PBS Passport](https://www.pbs.org/passport/videos/). For more information about PBS Passport, visit the [PBS Passport FAQ](https://help.pbs.org/support/solutions/5000121793) website.

**Production Credits:**

***Nature – Canada: Surviving the Wild North*** is a production of The WNET Group, Terra Mater Studios, Brian Leith Productions, Impala Pictures and River Road Films. The documentary is written and produced by Patrick Morris and Verity White. John Christian Bateman is narrator. ***Nature*** is a production of The WNET Group. Fred Kaufman is Executive Producer. Bill Murphy is Series Producer and Janet Hess is Series Editor.

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