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Nature: Gorilla

Premieres Wednesday, January 31 at 8/7c on PBS ([check local listings](#)), pbs.org/nature, [YouTube](#) and the [PBS App](#)

Synopsis:

Gabon's Loango National Park is home to a group of western lowland gorillas that have become accustomed to biologists who have studied them for almost 20 years. This documentary presents an intimate look at a silverback and his family featuring a newborn baby gorilla. Forest elephants and buffalos enter the story along with brave researchers hoping to preserve one of the last remaining wild coasts in the African tropics.

Long TV Listing: Get an intimate look at a silverback family in Gabon's Loango National Park. Meet a newborn gorilla, forest elephants, buffalos and brave researchers in one of the last remaining wild coasts in the African tropics.

Short TV Listing: Get an intimate look at a silverback family in Gabon's Loango National Park.

Featured Creatures:

- Western lowland gorilla
- African forest buffalo
- African forest elephant
- Red River hog
- Mountain gorilla

Noteworthy Facts & Moments:

- There are two species of gorillas, the Eastern and the Western gorilla, and each of these gorilla species has two subspecies. **Nature: Gorilla** features the Western lowland subspecies of the Western gorilla and the Mountain subspecies of the Eastern gorilla.
- Currently, around 300,000 western lowland gorillas are found in the tropical rainforests of western Africa. Unfortunately, very few of these gorillas live in protected refuges in Gabon, and their numbers are rapidly receding at a rate of 3 percent each year due to hunting and loss of natural habitat.
- Eastern mountain gorillas live in the Virunga Mountains (between the border regions of Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda). Their entire world population is little more than one thousand, but their numbers have doubled in the past few decades thanks to conservation and ecotourism.
- Western lowland gorillas live in the vicinity of rivers and swamps and are notoriously hard to find. Primatologist Martha Robbins and her team from Leipzig's Max-Planck-Institute have spent a decade earning the trust of a particular gorilla group in Loango, which consists of a silverback, four mature females and a male teenager, as well as a playful young male known as Owegely and Malumbi, a hyperactive one-year-old.
- This trust grants the team incredible access to witness Mokebo, one of the females, give birth. The newborn is eventually named Etshutshuku, or "Surprise." Baby gorillas spend the first two years of their life on their mother's back, learning the ways of the family led by the silverback.

Series Overview:

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Production Credits:

Nature: Gorilla is a production of Terra Mater Studios in co-production with The WNET Group and Doclights/NDR Naturfilm in association with National Geographic Channel, produced by Cosmos Factory. The documentary is written and directed by Harald Pokieser. Debra Wilson narrates. For Terra Mater Studios, Sabine Holzer and Birgit Peters are Executive Producers.

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.

Underwriters:

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