

## Secret Life Of The European Mammal, The

### EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

#### 1. Country Fox, City Fox

Muzzle pointing toward the ground, ears forward, an powerful leap – the fox attacks its prey. In a country field of freshly cut hay, the fox doesn't hesitate to show itself in broad daylight hunting rodents with its characteristic pouncing attacks. The fox has recently learned to colonize our big cities where it finds shelter and comfortable cover.

#### 2. European Wildcat

The forest wildcat is very discreet, and very like some domestic cats. But the wildcat is a sort of large tomcat with a mysterious life. This life could have been peaceful, like that of a small wild carnivorous animal whose size does not inspire fear, or like that of an inoffensive predator that does not deserve to be exterminated.

#### 3. Genie of the Trees

The squirrel is a genie of the trees. But the observer finds that the moments of enchantment are generally short-lived. This little imp can, in fact, disappear suddenly and reappear somewhere else. Sometimes it even seems to vanish into the countryside as if by magic. But how much does one really know about the European squirrel?

#### 4. The Last Great Hamsters

This film recounts the adventures of the great wild hamster, an endangered species. A suspenseful tale of surprises, danger and peril, like the inopportune visit of a predator in the hamster's den, or the arrival of the farmer's harvesting machine. We witness the first days of this hamster's life and follow its development to adulthood.

#### 5. My Neighbour, The Weasel

A shadow in the night, ghostly noises in the attic, the stone marten regularly haunts our homes. Although this animal frequently lives under the same roof with humans, it is very misunderstood and unappreciated because of its ferocious nature. This documentary allows us to get to know the stone marten and to appreciate its remarkable adaptations.

## 6. Night Shift

This film is a monograph on the European badger. Although it has a ferocious reputation, the European badger is actually a peaceful mammal whose family will typically occupy the same den for generations, as long as 100 years.

## 7. The Garden Warrior

The hedgehog was already pointing its spines and rolling itself into a ball to face its enemies millions of years before man appeared. Once rolled, no one will be able to open this land urchin. Today, this warrior with the 10,000 spears is more often than not the gardener's friend, guarding the vegetable plot against beetles, slugs and insects of all kinds.

## 8. The Lynx, the Fawn, and the Lamb

Its huge cat's feet tread softly, scarcely leaving a mark in the thick blanket of snow. Its shoulders cause its fine flecked coat to ripple. Its short tail curls between its muscular thighs as it sits. The lynx prepares to attack.

## 9. The Wolf's Story

This film lets the wolf relate its story to us in its own way. Filmed in Germany, France and Spain (with sequences of free and wild wolves), this film presents the life and story of the European wolf in an effort to demystify it.