

Europe's Wilderness (Series 2)

4 x 60'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Capercaillie

This episode is about the capercaillie and the story also begins in the far north: Biologists capture wild animals in central Sweden and take them to Germany. In the Nature Park Niederlausitz the black grouse are reintroduced to the nature reserve in an area, that was dominated by coal opencast mining until recently

2. Golden Jackal

This episode portrays the golden jackal – a shy predator, whose territory used to be the Balkan and even further southern regions. The animals are spreading north until Hungary or Germany and scientists are on their footstep, to find out why.

3. Musk Ox

This episode is about on the most ancient and majestic animal of the continent: the muskox seems like the last survivor of the ice age – and it is. Thousands of years ago the animals roamed our landscapes together with mammoths. Nowadays, the only remaining herds live in Scandinavia: the Dovrefjell National Park in Norway and the Härjedalen area in Sweden - where scientists and environmentalists put up a breeding centre in order to protect and strengthen the wild population of muskox - are the main locations of this episode.

4. Mouflon

This episode introduces a rare inhabitant of the mediterranean mountains: The mouflon sheep origin in Corsica and Sardinia, as well as on Cyprus.