

Nature's Greatest Moments - South American Shorts (Series 2)

6 x 5 MINUTES

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Tayra

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2. Spider Monkeys

These monkeys are always on the move, which means their incredibly long arms and tail get a good workout every day. Their tail is so versatile that it is really a fifth hand, and can support the entire weight of their body. They live in informal groups and the males and females hang out together in cliques during the day.

3. Two and Three Toed Sloths

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4. Lowland Tapir

With its short trunk and short stumpy toes the tapir may look harmless enough, but it's wise not to get in the way of him and a fruit plantation. When not hiding in the thick undergrowth of the forest, the tapir can often be found having fun in the forest waters, washing off itchy parasites and cooling down from the burning sun.

5. Agouti Paca

The paca is a relative of the guinea pig. They have extremely strong nails for digging their burrows, where they can safely hide from the sun and predators. Their love of fruit lures them out in the evenings to devour the food remains dropped by monkeys from the canopy above.

6. Puma

The puma hunts with stealth in the tropical of forests of South America. He is interested in anything that moves. Mostly he is drawn to water pigs or monkeys, but occasionally a large tapir will catch his attention. Despite his ability to jump huge distance, and to creep through the forest on his velvet paws, something will often give him away.