

Strange World

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EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Ice-Bombs

Alex heads to the East Coast of America to investigate the terrifying phenomenon known as Ice Bombs. It's reported that these huge balls of ice can weigh up to 40 pounds; plummeting to earth at high speed, they cause fear, devastation and even injury. Alex searches for eyewitnesses, gathers evidence and meets with experts on a mission to find a scientific explanation for these occurrences.

2. Alien Sounds

On a freezing night in January 2012, the residents of North Battleford, Canada were awoken by loud, violent sounds coming from the sky. Some had the presence of mind to record the shocking noises for themselves, in an attempt to prove they weren't imagining things. Determined to explode the myths and uncover the truth behind these unusual and unexplained alien sounds, Alex meets eyewitnesses to hear their evidence for himself, and talks to scientists and acoustics experts in his mission to uncover the facts and discover the source of these eerie echoes.

3. Bird Apocalypse

Journalist Alex Hannaford heads to the US to investigate a Bird Apocalypse. On New Year's Eve 2010, the bodies of thousands of blackbirds rained down from the sky onto the Arkansas town of Beebe

Believing that the birds were probably culled, Alex is surprised to learn that the cause of death was blunt force trauma. The birds had flown headlong into objects with such force that it killed them. But what drove them to do this?

Did they commit suicide? Or was the cause of the carnage environmental change, fireworks or freak weather? Alex comes up with an intriguing scientific explanation.

4. Killer Mice

Journalist Alex Hannaford heads to South Australia to investigate a terrifying rodent infestation. In 1993, rural communities were engulfed by hordes of mice which drove people from their homes, attacked livestock and laid waste to farms.

Determined to uncover what caused the plague, Alex discovers that the phenomenon was not an isolated event. Given the right conditions, infestations have occurred in Australia's wheat belt for over a century, seemingly every ten to fifteen years.

But in seeking to determine what those conditions might be, Alex is alarmed by what he uncovers.

5. Raining Fish

Investigative Journalist Alex Hannaford heads to Australia's Northern Territory to investigate a bizarre weather phenomenon. In 2010, during a seasonal downpour, hundreds of fish were reported to have rained down on the outback town of Lajamanu.

The town's Aboriginal residents seem reluctant to discuss the event, but just when his investigation is stalling, Alex is approached by two women. Both are adamant they saw fish lying in the town's streets and are convinced that they rained down from the sky; but neither witnessed them fall.

6. Spook Lights

Alex Hannaford heads to America to investigate reports of balls of light, known as Spook Lights, floating in the night sky above a remote country road.

In search of leads, Alex uncovers instances of unexplained lights where a scientific explanation has been found. Could the lights be linked to seismic activity or igniting swamp gases, or ball lightning?

Alex disproves each theory in turn. But then he happens on the work of a Physicist who suggests a very plausible answer. Problem is it's never been tested until now.

7. Tasmanian Tiger

Investigative journalist Alex Hannaford heads 'Down Under' to uncover the truth behind a spate of reported sightings of the continent's biggest marsupial carnivore; an elusive wolf-like creature called the Thylacine or Tasmanian Tiger. Only problem is, the species has been extinct since

1936. Alex tracks down eyewitnesses who claim to have seen it and enlists the help of experts to explore the extraordinary theories behind its reappearance. His mission; to hunt it down and find proof that this extraordinary creature is back from the dead.

8. Exploding Toads

Investigative journalist Alex Hannaford heads to Hamburg to uncover the truth behind bizarre headlines of exploding toads. In spring 2005 hundreds of these creatures, swollen to twice their normal size, were reported to have crawled out of a pond in the city's biggest park and exploded! Alarmed eyewitnesses alerted the authorities who immediately cordoned-off the so called 'pond of death' and surrounding area. Determined to discover the cause of this amphibian apocalypse, Alex interviews eyewitnesses and experts in an attempt to find a scientific explanation for this horrific phenomenon.