

World's Wildest City: Manaus

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Monkey City

Situated in the heart of the Amazon rainforest, Manaus is teeming with wildlife, and its very own species of monkey: the pied tamarin. Small and timid they are struggling to find food in the urban jungle. And potential meals are often taken by their over confident cousins, squirrel monkeys, who roam the city in large gangs stealing food from people.

2. Sloth Shock

Sloths live in the patches of jungle throughout Manaus but more are being found on the city's streets and nobody knows why. It is down to wildlife experts to solve the mystery of their migration before the slow moving animals get hurt.

3. River Icons

This time we follow the fortunes of two famous Amazonian creatures: river dolphins and manatees. Both live in Manaus but the aquatic mammals are taking very different paths in the city. While manatees are struggling to adapt, dolphins have learnt to take fish from nets to survive.

4. Big Cats, Big City

Wild cats frequently come into Manaus, and when they do the city's wildlife experts must come to their rescue. Jaguar, puma, ocelot and margay are just a few of the exotic species they treat on a regular basis. And as the city expands further into the rainforest, cases of big cats in the metropolis are increasing.

5. Urban Vultures

Vultures are the most common jungle species seen in Manaus but as more flock to the metropolis, collisions with planes are rising. Specialists must act fast to find out what is drawing them into the city and how to keep vultures out of trouble.

6. Caiman Invasion

A caiman is found in the shallows of a popular Manaus beach causing panic across the city. Why are the potential man-eaters suddenly coming into the metropolis? World-renowned caiman expert Dr Ronis Da Silveira is called in to solve the mystery.

7. City of Giants

Surrounded by the biggest rainforest in the world, Manaus is full of larger-than-life nature. Giant river otters patrol waterways, anaconda come into the suburbs and massive insects come out at night.

8. Ant Metropolis

This time we meet the most widespread animal in Manaus: ants. Several species cover the urban jungle but leaf cutter ants rule. Thriving in every corner of the metropolis they will soon outnumber people 300,000 to 1.

9. Reptile Central

Manaus is crawling with reptiles and the cold blooded creatures often get themselves into trouble. Snakes are found in bedrooms, tortoise by roads. Wherever they are, the city's reptile specialists are on hand to help them out.

10. Weird and Wonderful

This time we look at the most unusual animals in Manaus, creatures that can only be described as weird and wonderful. Unusual rodents, exotic birds and one of the weirdest monkeys on the planet, the white faced saki, live in the metropolis. And these species are finding strange ways to adapt to city life.

11. Mini Creatures

This time we meet the smallest animals living in the jungle city. Spiders nest in bananas, bringing them into homes, while scorpions live in plant pots, and mosquitoes swarm over the metropolis causing havoc for people and animals.

12. River City

Manaus was established on the banks of the Rio Negro, one of the major tributaries of the mighty Amazon. People share waterways with exotic animals and tropical fish including one of the largest freshwater fish in the world: the pirarucu, which can reach lengths of 3m.

13. Wild Rescues

Millions of animals live in Manaus and when they run into trouble, teams of wildlife experts come to their rescue. Responding to call outs across the city, they have to deal with an array of different

species from sloths to giant otters. Thanks to their dedication, Manaus will always be the world's wildest city.