

SCOTLAND - THE NEW WILD



Scotland is moving into a new age of the Wild.

As climate change, shrinking habitats and an ever-increasing human population make their indelible mark, the natural world here must make a heroic stand if it's to even remain a shadow of what it was. Yet, despite this pressure, many wild animals and plants here are increasing, thriving and even returning from extinction. We need a strong diverse wild Scotland more than ever – for nature, for our mental health, for our legacy, for the health of the planet itself. Using the most sophisticated time-lapse, slow motion, aerial and underwater camera systems known, this is the wildlife of Scotland as it marches into the future. From city to coast to island to mountain to the bottom of the ocean, we present a portrait that is both iconic and surprising.

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1. Highlands

The Highlands is a vast landscape dominated by hills, forests and glens. But it's a place that's been heavily altered by people and climate. Yet still it's home to some of Scotland's most iconic species, some are faring better than others, but it's hoped that the restoration of habitats here will help more to return.

2. Islands

Hundreds of islands are scattered along Scotland's vast coastline. They're hotspots of diversity where low intensity agriculture and more wild spaces have benefitted nature. People have long found a way to live alongside animals here and with increased marine protections it's hope greater recovery of the marine environment will follow.

3. Lowlands

The Lowlands are home to more than 80% of Scotland's population and wildlife has often been pushed to the fringes here. But some species like the beaver have recently returned from extinction and are bringing changes to this land. While others like the peregrine falcon are reclaiming their place here and are staging a remarkable comeback in our cities.