

Nature 5 of the Most Addictive Wildlife Cams on the Web

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Why watch TV when you can observe puffins and walruses all day long?

Catching a glimpse of rare wildlife in nature can be tricky. Sometimes it's just a matter of being in the right place at the right time. Most wild animals are shy and tend to hide from humans, and many live in habitats that would be challenging for even the most avid adventurer to reach.

Living in the digital age, people can now observe the daily lives of wild animals from the comforts of their own homes or offices via live webcams, which have been set up at various natural locations across the globe for our viewing pleasure.

Some webcams have exceptional year-round access to wildlife. Others, however, are best viewed during either nesting or mating seasons (which usually occur in the spring), when the animals remain in the same area for extended periods of time.

Djuma Waterhole

This camera watches over Gowrie dam on Djuma Game Reserve, in the Sabi Sand Wildtuin, South Africa. It is the oldest waterhole cam in Africa and the world, and has been broadcasting live from this spot since 1998. The area is home to lions, elephants, rhinos, buffalos, leopards, and numerous other animals.

Audubon Puffin Burrow

Atlantic Puffins spend most of their time at sea, coming to land each spring to breed in colonies on northern seacoasts and rocky islands, like Seal Island in Maine, where this camera captures life in the puffins' burrow.

Walrus Cam - Round Island

Each summer, a large numbers of walruses haul out on the exposed, rocky beaches on the northern tip of Round Island, Alaska, where this camera is located. It is part of the Walrus Islands State Game Sanctuary, established in 1960.

Cooper Island ReefCam

The underwater Cooper Island Seagrass Reefcam streams live from the British Virgin Islands, showing seagrass beds and the integral role they play in fish and invertebrate communities.

Eagle Cam

This camera gives viewers a peek at the daily activities of a breeding pair of bald eagles inside their nest, located up high in a tree along the Anacostia River in Washington, D.C.