

James Aldred

Documentary Cameraman

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Emmy award winning cameraman, specialising in wildlife and filming from ropes at height in remote locations.

Trained by the BBC Natural History Unit and most at home whilst filming in the rainforest canopy, I have spent the last 20 years working regularly with the BBC and National Geographic to explore and document the wonders of the natural world. Long lens animal behaviour, aerial cable-cam systems and filming at height from ropes are my core skills.

I've been fortunate to work on many acclaimed productions along the way – including numerous David Attenborough projects (such as *Life of Mammals*, *Life in the Undergrowth* & *Planet Earth*) and have been BAFTA / RTS award nominated several times.

Alongside my film work I also present the occasional programme for BBC Radio, and am author of the book *The Man Who Climbs Trees* published by Penguin Random House.

Select Credits 2008 – 2018

<i>Birds of Paradise</i>	Silverback Films for Netflix	2018
<i>Hostile Planet</i>	Plimsoll Productions for Nat Geo	2017
<i>The Forest</i>	Blast Films for Ch 4	2017
<i>H is for Hawk: A New Chapter</i>	Mike Birkhead Assoc for BBC 2	2017
<i>Trees with Dame Judi Dench: A Christmas Special</i>	Atlantic Productions for BBC 1	2017
<i>Munduruku: The Fight to Save the Amazon</i>	Atlantic Productions for Greenpeace	2016
<i>Islands in Time</i>	Free Spirit Films for Terra Mater	2016
<i>Jungle Animal Hospital</i>	NHU for BBC 2 Natural World	2016
<i>Forces of Nature</i>	BBC London for BBC 1	2016
<i>The Hunt</i>	Silverback Films for BBC 1	2015
<i>Earth's Natural Wonders</i>	BBC Glasgow for BBC 1	2015
<i>The Queens Garden</i>	Oxford Scientific Films for ITV	2014
<i>Glastonbury Festival of Performing Arts</i>	BBC 1	2014
<i>Batman of Mexico</i>	Windfall Films for BBC 2	2014
<i>Vultures: Beauty in the Beast</i>	Halcyon Films for BBC 2	2013
<i>Great British Year</i>	NHU for BBC 1	2013
<i>Orangutans: The Great Ape Escape</i>	NHU for BBC 2 Natural World	2013
<i>How to Win the Grand National</i>	Oxford Scientific Films for Ch 4	2013

<i>Africa</i>	NHU for BBC 2	2013
<i>Chimpanzee</i>	Great Ape Ltd for Disney Nature	2012
<i>New Forest: A Year in the Wild</i>	NHU for BBC 2	2012
<i>Inside Nature's Giants Jungle Special</i>	Windfall Films for Ch 4	2012
<i>The Lost Gardens of Heligan</i>	Halcyon Films for BBC 2	2012
<i>Secrets of Our Living Planet</i>	NHU for BBC 2	2012
<i>One Life</i>	Nat Geo Cinematic Feature	2011
<i>Human Planet</i>	NHU for BBC 2	2010
<i>The Monkey Eating Eagle of the Orinoco</i>	Ice Wolf Films for BBC 2	2010
<i>Monkey Life</i>	Ch5 ongoing	2010
<i>Naked Beauty</i>	Disney Nature	2010
<i>Living with Monkeys</i>	Indus Films for BBC 2	2009
<i>Life</i>	NHU for BBC 2	2009
<i>Climbing Giants</i>	Leopard Films for Ch 5	2008
<i>Blue Peter</i>	BBC 1	2008
<i>Amazon with Bruce Parry</i>	Indus Films for BBC 2	2008

1997 – 2008

Planet Earth BBC | *Life in the Undergrowth* BBC | *Life of Mammals* BBC | *The Mummy* Universal Studios feature film | *Deep Jungle* ITV | *Jungles* BBC | *60 Deadliest* BBC | *Autumn Watch* BBC | *Nature of Britain* BBC | *Springwatch* BBC | *Time Machine* Nat Geo | *Talking with Animals* BBC | *Wild Africa* BBC | *Gorilla Special* Natural World BBC | *Congo* Natural World BBC | *Wild Indonesia* Natural World BBC | *Sahara* Animal Planet.

Skills

- Multi discipline camera operation: long lens, handheld, remote cams & gyro-stabilised rigs
- Presenter led & obs/doc sync sound camera
- Filming at height on ropes in any environment: very experienced rope access technician
- Rope access safety for crew/presenters, inc Sir David Attenborough & Chris Packham
- Award winning BBC Radio 4 presenter
- Published author: *The Man Who Climbs Trees* Penguin Random House 2017
- Advanced cable cam design, rigging and operation
- Published stills photographer and article author
- Company Director [www.canopyaccess.co.uk]

Training & Qualifications

BBC Natural History Unit *Bursary Cameraman* 2010

IRATA Level 3 qualified rope access technician

University of Derby – 1st class BSc Hons in *Biological Imaging*

London College of Printing – Distinction in *Media Studies*