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# Highlights May 2013







#### North America

UK SERIES PREMIERE
THURSDAYS FROM 23RD MAY, 9PM

Travelling the continent for more than three years, from the frigid Yukon Territory, to the lush forests of Belize, and the barren deserts of the American Southwest, Discovery's first, independently-produced natural history landmark series, *North America*, reveals that "survival of the fittest" is truly the law across this immense continent, amid threatening terrain and ferocious weather. From the grizzly bears in the mountains; to the bison of the great plains; the otters, beavers and whiskered blue catfish of the freshwater rivers; the timber wolves of the forests to the hammerhead sharks of the coasts, *North America* is displayed as having one of the most diverse environments of any continent

in the world. Never-before-seen sequences range from the elusive desert jaguar in Mexico to daring grizzly bears diving in more than 20 feet of water to grab salmon in Alaska. Timelapse shots also transform the continent's most severe weather events into truly mind-blowing imagery. The first episode journeys to the tip of the Canadian wilderness with mountain goats and dives into frigid waters with a whale and her calf as they face numerous predators at the edge of the Pacific Ocean; and follow the intense journey of sea turtles on the beaches of Costa Rica as they face hungry jaguars all while attempting to lay their eggs.



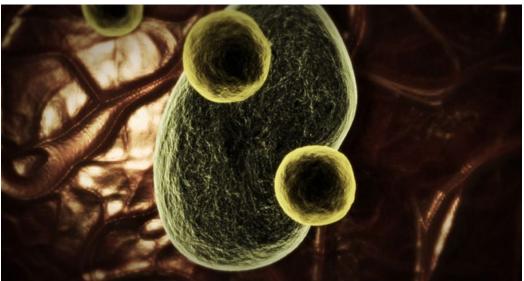


#### Gold Rush

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**TUESDAYS FROM 21ST MAY, 9PM

Join the Hoffman crew as they return to the frozen wilds of Alaska to continue their desperate search for gold in the brand new series of Gold Rush. Determined to find ten times more gold than last season, the ambitious pair have doubled the size of their Klondike operation, using twice the equipment and twice the man power to mine two plots of gold rich ground. With Todd Hoffman pledging to reach 1000 ounces of gold this season, will he succeed or will the pressure to reach the goal drive a wedge between the teams? Meanwhile at Porcupine Creek, the Dakota boys continue their hunt for the millions in gold, but can they overcome the effects of the worst winter in fifty years to obtain their prize? Plus, after a poor season last year, 18-year-old Parker Schnabel is out to prove to his grandfather, John, that he's got what it takes to be a real Alaskan gold miner. Plus, which team strikes lucky this series with the biggest gold haul of the series ever.





## Bugs, Bites and Parasites: Tropical Diseases Uncovered

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

THURSDAYS FROM 23RD MAY, 10PM

Bugs, Bites & Parasites: Tropical Diseases *Uncovered* follows a team of medics in their fight against tropical diseases both in the wards of the Royal Liverpool Hospital and across the developing world. Cases span from returning holidaymakers experiencing terrifying symptoms to entire villages brought to their knees by sudden viral outbreaks. Stories include patients with Trypanosomiasis which sends its victims into a zombie-like trance, to maggots laying eggs in a holidaymaker's ear and the shocking results of a Liver Fluke disease, which grows armies of parasites under the skin. The result is tales of breath taking medical detective work, gripping human stories, gruesome illnesses and an epic, global battle to save countless millions of lives.





#### Fast N' Loud

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

WEDNESDAYS FROM THE 1ST MAY, 9PM

The GMG crew, headed up by Richard Rawlings and Aaron Kaufmann, are back to revitalise and restore more rusting relics in a new series of Fast N' Loud. Across America, vintage vehicles can be found rusting in overgrown fields, abandoned back lots, and musty garages. From '57 Chevys to '73 Trans Ams, these machines are screaming to be brought back to life. To most they're just rust buckets, but to Rawlings and his crew they're a goldmine waiting to be excavated. In this series the boys turn a '76 Bronco into a hot-rod, but rust issues make the project go over budget. Needing cash, Richard searches for some cars to restore and sell. Later, Richard sets out to restore a stunning '72 Pontiac Formula 400. In the first episode, Richard gets taken in by a '64 Continental and sets to work on a '59 Apache, which turns out to be riddled with rust. Meanwhile Aaron is stretched thin working on a competition motorcycle.





## **Property Wars**

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**FRIDAYS FROM 3RD MAY, 9PM

Property Wars follows aggressive buyers at the top of their games competing to snatch up the most profitable houses recently put up for auction. As their bidders stand by at the courthouse, buyers are given only minutes to investigate a house before the bidding starts. They're not allowed to view the interior until after it's bought, so they must rely on a combination of gut instinct and experience to figure out if each house is worth their investment. But the properties themselves aren't the only factors in this high stakes bidding match; rivalries between buyers lead to fierce bidding wars to get the homes! The first episode heads to Phoenix where rival dealers bid big to turn a guick profit on abandoned real estate. But as Doug cashes in, Ed and Steve tackle termites can they still make money?





## The Hunger

**UK PREMIERE** 

THURSDAY 2ND MAY, 9PM

In a few small pockets of the world there are people who still have to hunt to stay alive. Now, in one-off special The Hunger, modern day British hunter and gatherer Guy Grieve is determined to discover their secrets. With hunting and gathering, now becoming a dying tradition, taking with it an encyclopaedia of knowledge, skills and courage that can never be recaptured, Guy's mission is to seek out the last of the world's hunters, to learn from their unique bond with nature and to join in on the action. Driven by hunger even today, people must follow the food trail and do anything to survive, even if that means crawling along the ocean floor during massive waves to scavenge for seafood; climbing the same trees as predatory tigers to share food; or outrunning exotic antelope in the native African fields. Join Guy as he unlocks the mysteries behind the ingenious and resourceful ways in which different cultures find, capture, cultivate and eat food around the world.



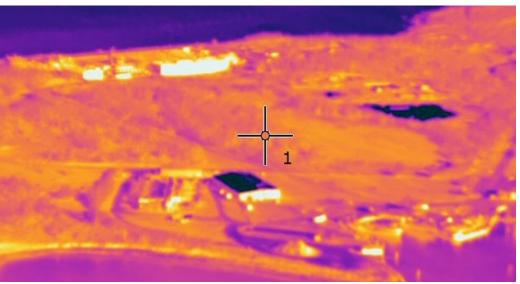


Target: Bin Laden

**UK PREMIERE**THURSDAY 9TH MAY, 9PM

When the US Seal Team Six took out Osama Bin Laden, the mission took 40 minutes, two dozen rounds and twelve of the toughest men America has to offer. But that wasn't even the hardest part of the story...finding him was. A story with every wrong turn, dead ends and a bloodthirsty new enemy created a new kind of war. Two years after the death of Osama Bin Laden at the hands of the US Navy Seals, *Target: Bin Laden* takes a close look at the lead up to the CIA's hunt for the terrorist. How did they conduct 'the greatest manhunt in history'?





#### America's Most: Secret Structures

**UK PREMIERE** 

THURSDAY 16TH MAY, 9PM

Each day covert operations are initiated at the highest levels of the U.S. government. Although these actions are usually classified, information is often leaked, rumors begin, and conspiracy theories emerge. Throughout the United States, the government's most secretive agencies maintain locations so sensitive and so covert they sometimes deny their very existence and their true functions. America's Most: Secret Structures examines the conspiracy theories surrounding these locations and installations in an attempt to discover their true purpose. Is a government lab on an obscure island off the tip of Long Island hiding life-threatening animalborne viruses that may have already infected people on the mainland? Could a 1700-mile-long structure straddling the 33rd parallel start a war in space? Is our government practicing weather control in the Alaska wilderness in an attempt to turn weather into a weapon of mass destruction? America's Most: Secret Structures will explore these questions, and more.





## Gator Boys

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**MONDAYS FROM 20TH MAY, 9PM

Gator Boys follows the death-defying exploits of Paul Bedard and Jimmy Riffle, two extraordinary alligator trappers who risk injury and death to hand-capture nuisance alligators that have invaded the back yards, swimming pools, garages and bedrooms of Florida Everglades residents. It takes serious skill to do what the *Gator Boys* do. Paul is known for his commanding personality and unmatched expertise, capturing any sized gator underwater with his bare hands, while Jimmy has been gator wrestling since he was eleven years old, giving him the unmatched ability to handle nearly any dangerous reptile with ease. With the goal of rescuing alligators before they are captured and killed by rival trappers, who will kill the gators and sell them for their skin and meat, Paul and Jimmy are determined to save as many they as possibly can.







#### Infested

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**SUNDAYS FROM 26TH MAY, 9PM

*Infested* unearths the real-life horror stories of ordinary people plagued by extraordinary infestations inside their homes. This is not the occasional bug slipping through a crack in your wall - it's a full-on war for the victims whose nightmares are relived this season. Every one of these victims has suffered either physical harm or psychological trauma with some who may never feel safe and sound again. In this next series of *Infested* get up close and personal with nature's nastiest squatters, including spiders, possums, bedbugs, scorpions, bats and rats - all of which can spill out from the tiniest orifices and create a living terror. Each spine-tingling story is enhanced by macro-lens photography and stunning CGI recreations, which reveal how these critters strip humans of the four walls that protect them from the outside world. *Infested* is more than enough to make everyone shiver and check twice under the bed.



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#### Untold Stories of E.R.

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

WEDNESDAYS FROM 1ST MAY, 9PM

In a new series of *Untold Stories of E.R.* doctors come up against a whole range of shocking cases, including a man is impaled through the skull with a crowbar, an entire fraternity plagued with blue urine, a man who returns from a trip abroad with a souvenir that nearly costs him his life and a bride stops her wedding because she feels possessed by creatures in her head. In the first episode a bridesmaid drinks herself into a dangerous coma; a man's eyeball pops out of his head; and a premature infant is abandoned in the ER.







## Quints by Surprise

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

FRIDAYS FROM 10TH MAY, 9PM AND 9.30PM

Ethan and Casey Jones only wanted one child after their first daughter, Eliot. They ended up with quintuplets. This mom and dad return for a new series, and as always they have their work cut out raising six children. Life at the Jones house however, is far from crazy - the Joneses navigate life like any other family. Just with \$1,200-per-month grocery bills. The new series kicks off with a life-changing event for the two-year-olds - big kid beds. The cribs are going out and beds are coming in, as Ethan and Casey realize time is going by all too fast.





### Redrum

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**SATURDAYS FROM 18TH MAY, 10PM

*Redrum* illustrates how a murder investigation never starts at the beginning, but when a body is found. It's up to the investigators to piece together the story, tracing the series of intersecting, and often complex events and relationships that unfolded to arrive at the root of the crime. Follow the backward tale of murder from the false motives and mistaken witnesses to conversations taken completely out of context, until the truth finally comes out at the very end. With interviews from friends and family close to the victims, and sometimes even the killer themselves. In the first episode a triple murder in Arkansas is examined, following the police as they work backward to piece together clues during murder investigations – could there be a killer lurking on the streets of this small American town?







## Nightmare Next Door

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

WEDNESDAYS FROM 15TH MAY, 10PM

How well do you know your neighbours? Nightmare Next Door returns to Investigation Discovery, telling the tales of mysterious murders from behind white picket fences. Each episode brings a new murder mystery and a new look into the evil that can lurk in the heart and soul of a tight-knit community. Interviews with investigators, prosecutors, family members and neighbours piece together the twisting tale of a classic whodunit, and forensic experiments lead viewers into the heart of the investigation. This series includes a beloved member of a town; found stabbed to death in her own bed and a secretary who is poisoned at work. In the first episode, when friendly cashier Tammy Petrin is found shot execution style at the local burger joint, the town of Woonsocket's in shock. After lead suspects don't serve up answers, a helpful hooker and letters from jail might be just what detectives ordered.







#### **Abalone Wars**

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**WEDNESDAYS FROM 8TH MAY, 9PM

Quest dives deep into some of the planet's most hostile waters to launch the new series *Abalone Wars*, following the men and women who risk their lives in one of the world's most dangerous jobs – diving for abalone (large edible sea snails). For the brave few, there is a killing to be made with millions of dollars' worth of abalone lying just below the surface of Australia's coasts. But can the divers make it out alive? With the waters holding more sharks per square kilometre than almost anywhere in the world, the risk of death by shark attack is very real. But that doesn't stop the group of fearless men who, ever season, battle against their nerves to plunge to the depths of the ocean floor for the much-prized abalone.







## Shipwreck Men

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**WEDNESDAYS FROM 29TH MAY, 9PM

There are modern day pirates patrolling the coast of southern Florida - and the bounty they're after is boats in distress. Salvage companies scan the waters day and night. When trouble strikes they race into action, whether it's saving a sinking vessel, rescuing boats from dangerous hurricane storms or putting out a massive fire. While their intentions are good, it doesn't mean it isn't a cutthroat business. With a fortune to be made, the competition is intense. The first crew on the scene is the one that gets the job - and the lucrative profits. The rest of the companies get nothing and must wait for the next call in hopes of securing a job and keeping their business afloat.



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