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The hot topics in many fields

Sunday 5 August 2018

11.00 – 11.45

Let's meet Miranda Krestovnikoff

How do you talk to a film camera 10 metres beneath the surface of the sea whilst staring a giant cuttlefish in the face?

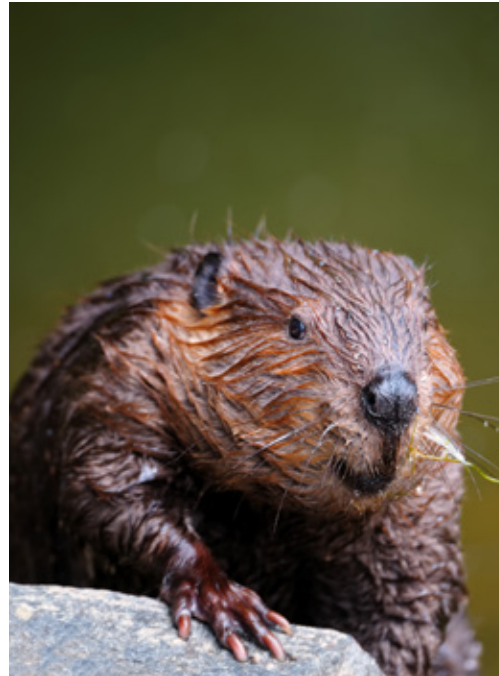


Miranda Krestovnikoff has been a regular on our TV screens for nearly fifteen years, covering wildlife for series like *Coast* and *The One Show*. She's also President of the RSPB. In this session, she tells us all about her experiences of filming around the world, and her passion for conservation.

12.15 – 13.15

How wild should our wildlife be?

The UK is now so populated that there's practically no wilderness left. So can we – or, more importantly, should we – bring back species like wolves and lynx to revitalise natural habitats? Strong opinions exist on both sides of the debate. We welcome Charlie Burrell, owner of Knepp Estate; Tim Bonner, Chief Executive of the Countryside Alliance; Simon King, wildlife cameraman; and Boyd Tonkin, journalist and author.





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Let's meet Simon King

Wildlife cameraman Simon King has filmed and presented various high profile series, including Blue Planet and Big Cat Diaries.

He's also actively involved in lots of wildlife charities including The Wildlife Trusts and the Woodland Trust. Simon will tell the story of how he turned his passion into his career, along the way inspiring us to share his love of nature.



15.00 – 16.00

Seeing the trees for the woods – should we bring back the forests?

The UK is in a state of deforestation, with tree coverage as low as 16 per cent (European average is 38 per cent). But demand for space in our crowded island is very high, and more woodland means less of something else.

Baroness Young (Chair of the Woodland Trust), John Everitt (Chief Executive of The National Forest), Ian Baker (Smallwoods), and Richard Fortey (author/scientist) discuss the arguments for planting more trees, and the difference reforestation would make.





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16.30 – 17.00

How does wildlife help farms and gardens to thrive?

Gone are the days when food growers would want to protect crops with powerful poisons and pesticides. Adam Henson and Brett Westwood discuss ways that farming can enhance the natural world whilst balancing demands of food production.

They'll also pass on their top tips to attract and encourage wildlife into our gardens. Brett Westwood is the presenter of BBC Radio 4's Natural Histories; Adam Henson is a farmer and a presenter on BBC's Countryfile.

