



Cougar Conservancy

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Wildlife of Los Angeles Featured in New Natural History Series

LOS ANGELES, *Calif.*— Earth at Night in Color was released on Friday, December 4th on Apple TV+, Apple's new streaming service.

Episode 5, "Cities", features some of the wildlife that calls Los Angeles 'home' using new camera technology that gives viewers 'night vision' in full color and brilliant detail. Two local photographers and wildlife advocates, Roy Dunn and Johanna Turner served as location researchers and principal camera operators for a sequence about a mountain lion almost as famous as Griffith Park's P-22. Her name is Nikita and she lives in the Verdugo Mountains.

Mountain lions are active mostly through the night and are so elusive they cannot be filmed 'live' by a traditional film crew. To capture Nikita on video without altering her behavior, they used motion activated cameras that turned on when she walked by. Adding to the challenge, Nikita's travel habits were known only through several years of tracking her paw prints and some glimpses on small trail cameras. Filming took place over the course of about one year in coordination with park officials in the cities of Glendale and Burbank.

"Giving viewers a glimpse of Nikita's life has been my passion for many years now but I never imagined it could be done this way. Before, most wildlife cameras only took grainy video in black and white and it was hard to tell which mountain lion you were even looking at." says Johanna Turner, Cougar Conservancy Advisor and Founder of Cougarmagic. "This project is able to tell their story, from their perspective - how they must see the world."

"The low-light capability of these cameras is astonishing." says Roy Dunn. "Most of the wilderness sequences in the series were shot using only moonlight, and here we used the ambient light of the city. As a photographer used to being able to precisely control the light levels, it was a real challenge to anticipate both the exact path Nikita would take (for focus) and the crucially important exposure. At such low light levels, it is easy to get it very wrong."

"I want people to be able to see and appreciate these beautiful animals. We don't need to fear them, we just need to take some basic steps to keep our pets safe. That's something I've been working on with Cougar Conservancy - helping people learn to coexist, so we don't lose our important wildlife." says Turner. "I hope Earth at Night lets everyone see what a beautiful, wild place LA is at night. We're used

to these stories about photographers camping out in the cold in some exotic place for months to film a snow leopard or a tiger, and I used to be kind of disappointed that there was no amazing wildlife where I lived. But it turns out there is - we just couldn't see them."

Cougarmagic and the Cougar Conservancy work in collaboration to engage with communities and individuals to implement reliable cougar conflict prevention techniques that serve people while conserving cougars. The two organizations aim to empower people with training and education that promotes coexistence with cougars and other wildlife essential to our ecosystems.

#EarthAtNightInColor

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The Cougar Conservancy is dedicated to reducing human-cougar conflicts and promoting education and learning of Puma concolor.



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Apple TV link

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