

Animal Armory

The weapons of nature's battle

6 x 52 min. HD

The lives of animals are not peaceful ! They must be able to find food for themselves and their young and avoid becoming food themselves. Sometimes they must also compete with others of their own kind for food, territory, or mates. Traps, lures and lies are well-known tricks of men, but they are also skilfully employed by creatures in the animal kingdom. The creatures featured in this TV series demonstrate how resourceful and inspired nature can be to ensure survival in the animal world.



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EPISODE 1: TEETH AND CLAWS



- **Claws:** Bears, owls, and tigers are some of the animals who use their sharp claws to fight as well as to catch prey.
- **Teeth:** Baboons, mice, squirrels, rats, wolves, and woodchucks use their teeth as both defensive and offensive weapons.

EPISODE 2 : SHOCK AND KICK



- **Shocks:** The electric catfish, electric eel, and electric ray all use electric shock to paralyze or damage their victims.
- **Kick:** A large bird, like the ostrich, has a powerful kick. Elephants, cottontail rabbits, and kangaroos also use their feet to fight.

EPISODE 3 : MASTERS OF DISGUISE



- **Camouflage:** Coloring that matches or blends with the surroundings helps an animal to hide. The Arctic fox, green tree frog, penguin, and polar bear are a few of the animals who use this method in defense. Some animals, like the chameleon and octopus, can actually change the color of their skin to match their surroundings!

EPISODE 4 : LETHAL POISON



- **Poison:** Many animals such as toads, moths, snakes, and spiders have poison glands. Coral snakes and cottonmouth snakes are poisonous. The platypus has poison in its spurs. The spines of the stone fish and the scorpion fish are poisonous.

EPISODE 5 : SPITS AND STINGS



- **Spitting:** The archer fish spits water from a “blowgun” in the roof of its mouth to capture the bugs it eats. The jawfish spits pebbles from its mouth to defend itself. The spitting cobra spits its venom (poison) into the eyes of its enemy.
- **Stings:** A sting pierces, hurts, and sometimes poisons the victim. A few of the many stinging animals are the bee, jellyfish, Portuguese man-of-war, sea urchin, and wasp.

EPISODE 6 : EJECTION, ODOUR AND ANTLERS



- **Ejection:** Cuttlefish and squid eject a black inky fluid that helps them hide from predators. The sea cucumber squirts its insides out to defend itself!
- **Odour:** Skunks aren't the only animals to use scent glands for defense. Some others are bedbugs, cockroaches, earwigs, foxes, mink, snakes, weasels, and wolverines.
- **Antlers:** The deer family, including elk, moose, and caribou, use their antlers to defend themselves from predators and to duel for mates.