



Cartoons, Movies & Documentaries Environmentally Themed

Learning about the Earth, its living creatures and the threats to the environment and to biodiversity can also be done comfortably at home, through a movie.

Watching a movie can be pleasant and educational at the same time, despite its format or the age its targeted to.

For the youngest ones there's a broad range of cartoons which – more or less prominently – address different environmental themes in a -often- positive and easy to understand manner.

For the older ones there's an even wider list of movies / documentaries focused on different aspects of the environment- that gives useful insights and stimulate inspiring thoughts.

- **Two by Two** (Available on Netflix – 2015, cartoon. Recommended age: 4+)
Sub theme: Animal Life.

When two clumsy animals try to stow away on Noah's Ark, they embark on a harrowing adventure to survive and find their place

- **Deep** (Available on Netflix – 2017, cartoon. Recommended age: 5+)
Sub theme: Marine Life.

After accidentally trapping his family in their underwater home, a young octopus and his ocean-dwelling buddies search for help far across the sea.

- **Free Birds** (Available on Netflix- 2013, cartoon. Recommended age: 6+)
Sub theme: Commodification of Animals.

Two turkeys set off on a mission to save themselves and their friends by taking turkey off the Thanksgiving menu in spite of the many differences between them.

- **White Fang** (Available on Netflix- 2018, cartoon. Recommended age: 7+)
Sub theme: Animal Life and Nature.

An animated version Of Jack London's classic novel: a loyal wolfdog's curiosity leads him on the adventure of a lifetime while serving a series of three distinctly different masters.

- **Happy Feet** (Available on Netflix – 2006, cartoon. Recommended age: 7+)
Sub theme: Nature and Animal Life.

Unlike other penguins, Mumble is a gifted tap dancer. After a bad fishing season, Mumble is made the scapegoat and ultimately banished from his home. But he finds new friends who help him be himself. *Happy Feet* is an appealing animated film with plenty of catchy music. It deals with environmental themes related to humans intruding on natural habitats but avoids the heavy-duty questions of how to solve the problem.

- **Mowgli**, legend of the jungle (Available on Netflix- 2018, animation movie.
Recommended age: 7+)
Sub theme: Nature & Humans.

An orphaned boy raised by animals in the jungle seizes his destiny while confronting a dangerous enemy – and his own human origin.



- **Free Willy** (Available on Netflix – 1993, drama. Recommended age: **8+**)
Sub theme: **Animal Life & Humans.**

A street kid, Jesse, becomes friends with Willy, a killer whale, and goes to great lengths to free it from the exploitative owners who want to kill the animal.

- **Waterschool** (Available on Netflix – 2018, documentary. Recommended age: **9+**)
Sub theme: **Environmental Education.**

Six young women, who each live near one of Earth's major rivers, share how the Waterschool environmental education program has impacted their lives.

- **Terra** (Available on Netflix – 2015, documentary. Recommended age: **9+**)
Sub theme: **People and Nature.**

This visually arresting documentary essay reflects on our relationship to other living creatures as humanity becomes more isolated from nature.

- **March of the Penguins 2** (Available on Netflix – 2017, documentary. Recommended age: **9+**)
Sub theme: **Animal Life and Nature.**

Emperor penguins fall in love, form families, fight for survival and search for a new home while on an epic Arctic journey through life.

- **Our Planet** (Available on Netflix - 2019, documentary. Recommended age: **10+**)
Sub theme: **Nature and Climate Change.**

Experience our planet's natural beauty and examine how climate change impacts all living creatures in this ambitious documentary of spectacular scope.

- **Chasing Corals** (Available on Netflix – 2017, documentary. Recommended age: **10+**)
Sub theme: **Marine Life and Biodiversity**

Divers, scientists and photographers around the world mount an epic underwater campaign to document the disappearance of coral reefs.

- **Mission Blue** (Available on Netflix – 2014, documentary. Recommended age: **11 +**).
Sub theme: **Threats for Marine Environment.**

This documentary follows oceanographer Sylvia Earle's campaign to save the world's oceans from threats such as over-fishing and toxic waste.

- **A Plastic Ocean** (Available on Netflix – 2016, documentary. Recommended age: **11+**)
Sub theme: **Marine Litter and Biodiversity.**

When he discovers the world's oceans brimming with plastic waste, a documentary filmmaker investigates the pollution's environmental impacts.

- **Frozen Planet** (Available on Netflix – 2011, documentary. Recommended age: **11+**).
Sub theme: **Animal Life and Nature.**

Go on a journey through the Arctic and Antarctic with this visually stunning program that explores these wildernesses and their inhabitants.





Not on Netflix

- **Police Patrol** (2009 – cartoon. Recommended age: 4+)
Sub theme: Water Usage and Air Pollution.

A fallen electrical cable zaps Radar the Police Car and grants him special powers, but his newfound energy brings newfound responsibilities. Radar now has what it takes to stand up to the Badger Brothers; a shady duo plotting to steal and bottle the town's water supply. With the help of his friend, Dottie the Otter, Radar must defeat the criminals to save the town - and the environment!

- **Ice Age** (2002 + sequels, cartoon. Recommended age: 5+).
Sub theme: Animal Life.

Set during the prehistoric world, it tells the story of the beginning of the ice age. The story revolves around sub-zero heroes: a woolly mammoth, a sabre-toothed tiger, a sloth and a prehistoric combination of a squirrel and rat, known as Scrat.

- **Finding Nemo** (2003 – cartoon. Recommended age: 6+)
Sub theme: Marine Life and its threats.

After his son is captured in the Great Barrier Reef and taken to Sydney, a timid clown fish sets out on a journey to bring him home.

- **Bambi** (1942 – cartoon. Recommended age: 6+)
Sub theme: Forest Life and its Threats.

The story of a young deer growing up in the forest.

- **To the Arctic** (2012 – documentary. Recommended age: 6+)
Sub theme: Animal Life and the Environment.

Educational 3-D nature documentary about the animals that thrive in the world's harshest climate

- **Over the Hedge** (2006 – cartoon. Recommended age: 7+)
Sub theme: Animals, Nature and Humans.

Jungle animals, RJ and Verne, along with their friends discover that a suburban housing development is encroaching on their forest land. Together, they must explore the new world, suburbia.

- **The End of the Line** (2009- documentary. Recommended age: 12+)
Sub theme: Over-fishing and its consequences

Documentary filmmaker Rupert Murray examines the devastating effect that over-fishing has had on the world's fish populations and argues that drastic action must be taken to reverse these trends.

- **Before the Flood** (2016- documentary. Recommended age: 12+)
Sub theme: Climate Change

Actor Leonardo DiCaprio meets with scientists, activists and world leaders to discuss the dangers of climate change and possible solutions.

