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Conserving America

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The highly acclaimed PBS "Conserving America" series is an entertaining and inspiring look at some ordinary people who are going to extraordinary lengths to preserve and beautify our diminishing natural resources. An idea whose time has come!

Conserving America: Champions Of Wildlife – Narrated By Mason Adams. Fifty-nine native American animal species are now extinct, and 186 others are endangered. Sometimes help comes in the form of legislation, such as the Endangered Species Act of 1973. But we need more. Champions of Wildlife introduces us to a new breed of inspired individuals who work day and night to fight the destruction of America's wildlife and its natural habitats. Meet a modern day Noah from Oregon who saves and returns injured animals to the wild; a Massachusetts couple who give ospreys a helping hand by creating nesting sites; and a group of Montana Kids who help the loons on Talley Lake. You'll also marvel at Ida Loetscher, the 84-year-old "turtle lady" from Texas, legendary for her work with sea turtles ...All working to protect the land they love.

Conserving America: The Rivers – Narrated by Burgess Meredith. "A river is more than an amenity. It is a treasure." -Oliver Wendell Holmes □ Rivers are our natural wonders, influencing the look of the land they flow through and the lives of the people who depend on them for their economic and recreational needs. And yet, they are largely taken for granted, with only 1 % of America's rivers protected by the Federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Acts. "The Rivers" shares the many wonders of five historic American rivers: Travel to the rural South Carolina's Little Pee Dee with their motto "putting back more than we take". Visit Virginia's urban Rappahannock. Join students who adopt streams in the salmon-filled Washington State waters. Follow the Rio Grande in Texas with its plentiful and varied wildlife refuge. Informative, entertaining and inspirational, it fosters an appreciation and understanding of our nation's natural resources.

Conserving America: The Challenge Of The Coast – Narrated by Mason Adams. "The edge of the sea is a strange and beautiful place." -Rachel Carson □ The United States has enough coastline to wrap around the world more than 3-1/2 times. The Challenge on the Coast creates a new understanding of this natural environment which, through tides and erosion, winds and storms, over-development and pollution, is always changing. □ Here are the stories of dedicated individuals taking the initiative to protect and restore America's coastal areas: "Adopt-a- Beach," a Texas program, inspires an entire community to help clean up garbage-covered beaches. In Gettysburg, PA, a group of students known as the "Chesapeake Bay Kids" are teaching adults how they can help save a bay 50 miles away. An eighth generation fisherwoman from Stump Island, NC, is waging war against pollution of the waters she depends on. On the Sausalito coast, the California Marine Mammal Center helps save marine wildlife affected by people's abuse of the ocean.

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Conserving America: The Wetlands – Narrated by Burgess Meredith. "I enter the swamp as a Sacred place-a sanctum sanctorum. This is the strength, the marrow of nature." – Henry David Thoreau Wetlands are perhaps the most important ecosystems on Earth. Yet, due to development, over 50% of U.S. wetlands have been destroyed, disappearing at the rate of 300,000 acres each year. The Wetlands explores our swamps and marshes through the stories of people working to protect the land they love. We uncover the hidden wonders of the Louisiana coastal marsh with Alligator Annie, former trapper turned tour guide, who takes us on her boat through the spawning ground for half of the nation's seafood. We meet conservation hero Marjory Stoneman Douglass, 100+ year old author of the bestseller "River of Grass," who has championed her beloved Florida Everglades for over 50 years. And in the Tensas region of Louisiana, a businessman, a game warden and a farmer celebrate the victorious saving of 70,000 acres of forest.

Other Nature/Environmental Titles

America The Beautiful: The National Forests of Utah - A wonderful montage of Utah's magnificent western terrain, from the dry desert ground to the grand peaks of mountain tops and the beautiful animals of the wild. While being entranced by the lovely images moving across the screen, the background is set to the superb sounds of classical music by Rachmaninov, Gounod, Adams and other distinguished and renowned composers. The breathtaking scenes and delightful classical sounds are a pleasure for the eyes and ears. *"Armchair travelers, your ship has come in!"* - The Toronto Sun (30 mins.)

America The Beautiful: The Natural Splendor of Florida - A voyage of sight and sound into Florida's stunning seascapes, landscapes and wildlife. The stimulating soundtrack of Grammy Award nominees and Emmy Award Winners *Emerald Web* sets the mood while journeying through Florida's vast natural beauty. This DVD captures some of the many indigenous species of flora, views of the rare and endangered Florida Panther, brilliant pink flamingos gathering on the sand dunes, scenes of the gentle yet also endangered "dancing" manatees and the beauty of the ocean at sunset. *"...a picturesque look at the array of flora and fauna that make their home the tourist hot-spot of Florida."* - Billboard Magazine (30 mins.)

Earth Aid: Water Conservation - The amount of water on Earth available for use remains the same even as the amount of people on the planet continues to grow. Earth's water comes from lakes, rivers, streams and ground water (which is where most of the drinkable water comes from). Every year, garbage, poisonous chemicals and other harmful contaminants are polluting our sources of natural water. Host Ed Begley Jr., Emmy Award Nominee and motion picture star, presents helpful tips on ways everyone can help to conserve an indispensable natural resource that Earth and all its inhabitants depend on, water. *"Breathtaking nature footage introduces this practical guide to conserving the earth's water resources, illustrating just shows how much we have to lose."* - School Library Journal (20 mins.)

Earth Aid: Recycling - Every day, people dispose of 19 million bottles and jars, 46 million cans and 25 thousand televisions, creating pollution and health hazards. See how recycling conserves the Earth's energy while reducing the amount of pollution in the environment. Host Ed Begley Jr., Emmy Award Nominee and motion picture star, discusses every day steps on recycling, ways to reuse and reduce waste. To preserve the balance of natural systems essential to life on Earth, recycling must take precedence in all of our lives. *"...this program's concentration of environmental-friendly facts will provide positive reinforcement for all who see it."* - School Library Journal (20 mins.)

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