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**All New *Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan*,
premieres this July on BBC Knowledge**

Actor and wildlife enthusiast Dominic Monaghan (*Lord of the Rings*, *Lost*) returns to Australian screens this July, with all new episodes of his popular adventure series ***Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan***, from Monday July 7 at 8.30pm on BBC Knowledge.



In this latest series, Dominic will explore some of the most remote corners of the globe - Brazil, Zambia, Thailand, Japan, New Zealand and Australia - as he searches for the largest, weirdest and most intense creatures alive. This time around, Dominic expands his quest to include 'bigger and badder' creatures such as giant spitting cobras, charging elephants and a viper with the longest fangs in the world.

Episode one of *Wild Things* will kick off here in Australia, as Dominic endures the scorching heat of the Australian outback to locate one of the rarest bats on the planet – the ghost bat. Dominic has to crawl on his belly to fit into incredibly tight and pitch black spaces where one wrong step can mean disaster.

Dominic also travels to Cairns in episode four, where he carries out his first ever underwater mission on Australia's legendary Great Barrier Reef to track down perhaps the most venomous creature in the ocean – the deadly box jellyfish.

Dominic Monaghan is best known for his role in the movie adaptations of *Lord of the Rings* and as Charlie Pace in *Lost*. A true nature lover, Monaghan's knowledge and love for insects and reptiles developed during his childhood and remains to this day.

Wild Things sees Monaghan indulge his passion for nature, taking viewers along on an intimate, action-packed quest as he struggles to track down and get up close and personal with some of the planet's most rare and life-threatening creatures.

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