

DOMINIC MONAGHAN

Professional Actor, Executive Producer, Wildlife Enthusiast



Series: "Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan"

Hometown: Manchester, England

Dominic Monaghan has demonstrated incredible versatility in his acting career with roles including Meriadoc 'Merry' Brandybuck in "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, Charlie Pace in ABC's "Lost," Dr. Simon Campos in ABC's "FlashForward" and Bolt in "X-Men Origins: Wolverine." In 2011, Monaghan produced and starred in "The Day," where he played the leader of a post-apocalyptic group being hunted by zombies. Other recent credits include: "The Hundred Code," a drama series created by Bobby Moresco, where Monaghan stars opposite Michael Nyqvist; "Goodnight Burbank," which was the first half-hour scripted comedy made for the web; Microsoft Studios' digital live-action series "Quantum Break" and Crackle's web series, "The Unknown." Monaghan is currently in production for the indie horror thriller, "Pet." Written by Jeremy Slater, the story centers on an introverted man who imprisons a woman, only to find the tables turned on him.

In 2012, Monaghan created "Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan." The travel-adventure series follows the wildlife enthusiast as he treks through the remote corners of the globe in search of some of the most exotic, bizarre and dangerous animals in the world. Monaghan, who also serves as an executive producer for the show, takes viewers on an intimate journey through such marvelous locales as the rainforests of Brazil, the oceans of Mozambique and rich ecosystems of Madagascar – to get up close and personal with some of the most elusive and extraordinary creatures known to man. Along the way, he encounters vibrant locals, quirky experts and a host of species that inhabit the strange and wonderfully wild places on our planet.

Commissioned by Channel 5 and BBC America, "Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan" first premiered in 2012 in the United Kingdom; and in 2013 in the United States and Canada. While on the hunt for the Giant Huntsman Spider in the caves of Laos in season one, Monaghan discovered an entirely new species of spider, which was named after him – the Monaghan spider (or *Ctenus monaghani*). After season two wrapped on BBC America, Travel Channel acquired the series and is producing a third season – with plans to air in 2016. The series was nominated for 'Best Reality Series' at the 3rd Annual Critics' Choice Television Awards and nominated for 'Outstanding Unstructured Reality Program' at the 66th Primetime Creative Arts Emmy Awards.

Monaghan attended Aquinas College in the United Kingdom, where he studied English literature, drama and geography. He currently resides in Los Angeles, Calif.