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History – Year 2

Steve Backshall ✓



Stephen James Backshall MBE is an English naturalist, explorer, presenter and writer, best known for BBC TV's *Deadly 60*.

Born: 21 April 1973,

Wife: Helen Glover (m. 2016)

Children: Logan James David Backshall



Animals ✓

His most amazing animal - one of the most remarkable creatures was a Humboldt squid, which was filmed for *Deadly 6*. It was larger than him and nearly sucked a chunk out of his head!

His most dangerous animal- he has been filming thresher sharks in the Philippines – they have a tail that’s twice as long as their body which they use for thrashing and herding their prey.

Creatures he would still like to film – Steve would love to film a blue whale, leopard seals in Antarctica, and get a really good sequence of wild wolves to put on his show.

Most persecuted animal – Steve believes that the Grey Wolf is one of the most persecuted animals on earth, ‘Every animal persecuted is a cause for our concern.’

His most dangerous moment - The most dangerous moment I’ve had with a wild animal was diving with crocodiles in Botswana

Pictures



Key Vocabulary ✓

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| Broadcaster | someone who gives talks or takes part in interviews and discussions on radio or television programmes. |
| Conservation | saving and protecting the environment. |
| Environment | all the circumstances, people, things and events around us that influence our lives. |
| Documentary | a television or radio programme or a film which shows real events or provides information about a particular subject. |
| Encounter | When you experience or meet someone or something new. |
| Expedition | an organized journey that is made for a particular purpose such as exploration |
| Naturalist | a person who studies plants, animals, insects and other living things |
| Scientist | someone who has studied science and whose job is to teach or do research in science. |
| Vertebrate | a creature which has a spine. Mammals, birds, reptiles and fish are vertebrates |
| Wildlife | animals and other things that live in the wild. |

1973

Steve Backshall is born on the 21st April

2020

He received his MSc in Bioscience from Canterbury Christ Church University

2003

CBBC's *The Really Wild Show* (to 2006), the *Lost Land* series (from 2006 to 2010) and *Deadly* (since 2009).

2020

Backshall was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the 2020 New Year Honours for services to charity and wildlife conservation.