

HE'S COOL! WHEN HE SLEEPS,
HE HAS THE LOWEST BODY
TEMPERATURE IN THE WORLD

SLEEPING IS HIS SUPERPOWER!
HE CAN HIBERNATE LIKE NO ONE'S BUSINESS

GOOD EYESIGHT IS KEY AS HE'S ALWAYS
ON THE LOOKOUT - ESPECIALLY FOR PREDATORS

HE PREFERS TO EAT SEEDS AND PLANTS,
BUT HE'S NOT A PICKY EATER

PRACTICAL COAT OF
SOFT GREY OR BROWN FUR
- NOTHING FANCY

HIS NERVOUS GIGGLE LETS FRIENDS
KNOW WHEN TROUBLE IS COMING

HIS TAIL TELLS ALL
AND GIVES AWAY HIS
TRUE FEELINGS.



Russell

ARCTIC GROUND SQUIRREL DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER

Thanks for tuning in to *Northern Tails!* I'm your host, Russell Perry. I love my home here in Canada's Boreal Forest. Most people don't know that it's one of the biggest forests on the planet - but we all should! Because what happens here in The Boreal - with all the creatures and plants and weather - affects everyone in the world. I promise you that I am a dedicated professional. I will use my sharpest observational skills and courageous crew of ground squirrels to bring you the top stories (and nature's little secrets) from the top of the world.

“ LIGHTS! CAMERA! DANG IT!! ”

Russell and his crew try to film the opening scene of their new nature documentary series, but there are technical difficulties, and the wildlife keeps acting up. Russell begins to realize he's got his work cut out for him.



Winston

COMMON RAVEN
UNDEREMPLOYED

Hey, man. Winston here. Some call me “Win—man”. Or the “Winstonator.” Or just “Raven”. Yah. I kind of like that one. You can usually find me hanging around. Sometimes literally. You know. I’ll just hang there. From a tree. You can see a lot from there. Helps to keep tabs on who’s up to what. I used to run with this big gang. We got into trouble, sure. But now they’re all pairing up — finding their soulmate or whatever. For me, I have a longstanding relationship with fun and games. You know what I mean? The Raven abides...

“ HANG TEN ”

Winston is going to a baby shower for one of his old gang members when he catches some big wind and starts riding the gusts. His friend catches him and starts to lecture but can’t resist the fun in his acrobatics.



HE'S A RISK TAKER AND LIKES TO HAVE FUN -
MOSTLY BECAUSE HE'S BORED

ONE OF THE MOST INTELLIGENT ANIMALS
IN THE FOREST (BUT HE'S MAYBE TOO SMART)

LEFT HIS FAMILY AS A TEENAGER TO JOIN
A ROWDY GANG. BUT HE'S OVER IT

HE'S A BIG TALKER AND
CAN EVEN IMITATE HUMAN SPEECH

HE'S NOT ABOVE TRYING STIMULANTS



A.M.S. (AFRAID OF MISSING SOMETHING)
WHATEVER IS GOING ON,
SHE WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT IT

SHE GROWS NEW ANTLERS EVERY YEAR,
UNLIKE HER OTHER DEER
FAMILY COUSINS

SHOES FOR EVERY OCCASION!
HOOVES HELP HER WALK ON SNOW,
GRIP ICE, SWIM AND DIG

LONG LASHES PROTECT
HER EYES FROM
DUST AND SNOW

NEED FOR SPEED!
IF SHE'S IN DANGER,
SHE CAN SPRINT
UP TO 50 KMS/HOUR

HER SLEEK COAT CHANGES
WITH THE SEASONS

Isabelle

WOODLAND CARIBOU
INFLUENCER AND FASHION BLOGGER

Hi. I'm Isabelle. You've probably seen me before. I'm kind of a big thing here in the Boreal Forest. I've got a reputation for getting myself into exciting situations. Like the time I crashed that big dinner party at Bruno's. I mean, I'm sure they just forgot to send me an invite. But seriously, let's talk about bad habits! Humans are totally cramping my style these days. So rude! But they shouldn't underestimate me. I'm getting loads of new followers all the time — even outside my herd — and we plan on influencing the future.

“ A DODGED BULLET ”

Isabelle and some of her followers are heading to check out a new place to eat when they see a strange shape crouching in the forest. They decide to go see what it is but get distracted by a gang of ravens and avoid potential disaster.



MEET ISABELLA



Bruno

TIMBER WOLF FAMILY MAN AND RESTAURATEUR

Hey. Bruno here. I'm an upstanding citizen of the Boreal Forest. Some call me the boss. I run a nice establishment. A little fine dining. A little entertainment. Laura, my wife, she knows classy. You should come check it out. We keep things respectable. Not like that mook, Moose. He was crashing around the other day. I told him to tone it down with all the rutting. If not, he's going to have a problem. And you don't want a problem with me. Me and the family, we like to keep everything in line. We keep order. We run this country...

“ FRIENDS NOT FOOD ”

Bruno and Laura are having a serious conversation about their oldest son, Primo. He's just told them he's now a vegetarian and the parents are trying to work out what this means for the family.



MEET BRUNO



HE'S A GREAT SINGER.
WITH THE REST OF THE PACK BACKING HIM UP

HE'S GOT AN EXCELLENT SENSE OF SMELL
(100X BETTER THAN HUMANS)

LIVES WITH HIS FAMILY AND
THEY ALL WORK TOGETHER.

SHAGGY FUR COAT
- A CLASSIC

LONG TEETH ARE
TOOLS FOR EATING



DEDICATED BUILDER ALWAYS
LOOKING FOR THEIR NEXT PROJECT

THEY NEED TO WORK ON
THEIR ORAL HYGIENE

HAS A HABIT OF NIBBLING ON ANY
NEARBY WOOD - ESPECIALLY
WHEN THEY ARE THINKING

THEIR MASSIVE TAIL
IS A GREAT TOOL
FOR BUILDING

COULD STAND TO
LOSE A FEW
POUNDS

Lou

BEAVER
CIVIL ENGINEER

Hey ho! Lou's the name. So happy to show you around so you can see everything we're working on here in the Boreal Forest. I just put a new berm by the dam over there. Wasn't sure if it'd stop that leak, but the backfill gave it some real good structure and we should have some new pools for folks to start moving into shortly. Everyone needs a place to live, you know. It makes me proud to see how this work is bringing our community together.

“ DISLODGED ”

Lou is trying to catch a bit of R&R when there is a leak in the dam. They leap to action, pulling out blueprints and figuring out the best solution to the problem.



MEET LOU



Jackie

WOLVERINE

WASTE MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL

Yah. I'm Jackie. Who's asking, anyway? Listen, don't get defensive. And don't give me attitude because I guarantee you can't handle mine. I really don't have time for this small-talk. I've got stuff to do. For me. There are some things I've been wanting lately. Like maybe a kid. Crazy, I know. But you get what you focus on, so focus on what you want - that's my motto. And I'm not asking for hearts and rainbows and all that garbage. Being alone doesn't mean I'm lonely. It means I can handle things myself.

“ TOUGH LOVE ”

Jackie is looking for love. She's considering the local options but while the odds are good for her, the goods might be a bit odd and she always seems to fall for the wrong guy...



MEET JACKIE



QUITE POSSIBLY THE TOUGHEST ANIMAL IN THE FOREST

HER MASSIVE CLAWS ARE PERFECT FOR DIGGING AND TEARING THINGS APART

SHE'S IN CONTROL OF HER OWN BODY AND CAN DELAY PREGNANCY UNTIL A BETTER TIME

SHE'S CAN'T RESIST THE SMELL OF A MALE WOLVERINE

THICK, GLOSSY HAIR WITH A DISTINCT BLOND STREAK

