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TV Show Featuring Men Who Lived Like Hummingbirds at Lincoln Park Zoo Airs on Nat Geo WILD

LIVE LIKE AN ANIMAL Premieres Tuesday, January 17

Chicago (Jan.10, 2012) – In mid-August hundreds of people flocked to Lincoln Park Zoo to catch a glimpse of a strange and bewildering sight – a human-sized hummingbird nest being constructed on the zoo’s main mall. Three men were attempting to live like hummingbirds as part of the new three-part television series *Live Like An Animal* premiering Tuesday, Jan. 17 on Nat Geo WILD.

The television hosts Lloyd Buck, Matt Thompson and James Cooper constructed the human-scale bird nest over several days at the zoo using bungee cords to replicate the sticky, stretchy properties of spider silk, the main material in a hummingbird nest. To mimic the hummingbirds’ diet of flower nectar, they subsist on a sickly sweet concoction, triggering a dramatic sugar overload and subsequent wild behavior. Matt attempts to entice ladies at the zoo with a less-than-impressive hummingbird courtship dance, and at the end of their adventure living like human hummingbirds a major threat to the nest rolls in: a storm. Will their nest stand up to the elements, or tumble from its branch?



LIVE LIKE AN ANIMAL: Human Hummingbird premieres Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 9 pm (CDT). Additional episodes in the series also premiering Tuesday night feature a giant wasp nest in New York City and a beaver lodge in London.

About Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo

Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo, a historic landmark founded in 1868, is dedicated to connecting people with nature by providing a free, family-oriented wildlife experience. A leader in conservation science both globally and locally, the zoo exemplifies the highest quality animal care and educational outreach. The not-for-profit zoo, managed by The Lincoln Park Zoological Society, is a member-supported organization and one of the nation's only free, privately managed zoos. For more information, call 312 -742-2000 or visit www.lpzoo.org.

About NAT GEO WILD & *Live Like An Animal*

For more than 30 years, National Geographic has been the leader in wildlife programming. Now the animal kingdom is taking center stage on **Nat Geo WILD**. Offering intimate encounters with nature's ferocious fighters and gentle creatures of land, sea and air, **Nat Geo WILD** and Nat Geo WILD HD will draw upon the cutting-edge work of the many explorers, filmmakers and scientists who have long-standing relationships with the National Geographic Society. *Live Like An Animal* is a new three-part series that explores the ingenuity of animal architects as a team of presenters find out what it's like to live in human-sized version of animal homes. [For more information, visit www.natgeowild.com](http://www.natgeowild.com).

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