

Booklist

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Lords of Nature: Life in a Land of Great Predators.

Apr 2010. Video Project, DVD, \$89.00.

Dynamic footage of predators chasing prey, coupled with haunting music and echoes of howling wolves, immediately draws viewers into this program. When scientists began studying dying ecosystems, including those in Yellowstone and Zion national parks, they found that problems began a decade after predators were eradicated, during the 1920s. Narrator Peter Coyote recounts compelling events leading up to the return of wolves and other species in the 1990s and subsequent ecosystem vigor. Interviews with Minnesota farmers who have coexisted successfully with wolves and the history of renowned ecologist Aldo Leopold complement scenic footage, archival stills, and stop-gap photography showing radical fluctuations in the health of ecosystems over four decades. This well-produced documentary is packed with insight into the science of ecology, revival of failing ecosystems, and resolution of animal-human conflicts. Recommended for school and public libraries serving both students and adults. The college and university price is \$195.

— *Abby Alpert*