

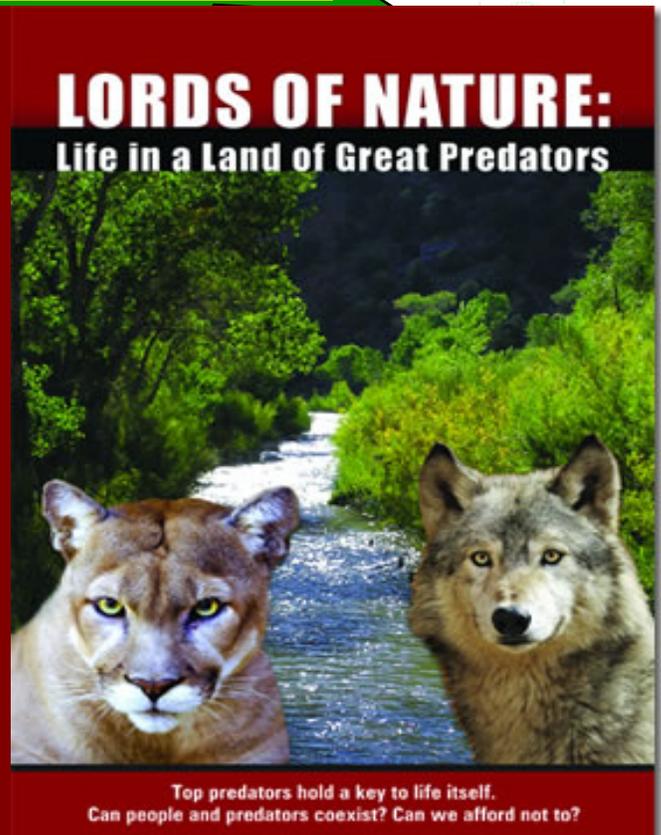
**Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon
Presents**

**A Special Documentary
Screening:**

**The Lords Of Nature:
Life in a Land of
Great Predators**

**Wednesday November 9, 2011
7pm**

**Followed by program and discussion
with Patrick Thomas, PhD, of the
Wildlife Conservation Society**



Top predators may hold a key to life itself. Can people and predators coexist? Can we afford not to?

Birds, butterflies, beaver and antelope, wildflowers and frogs — could their survival possibly be connected to top predators like the wolf and cougar? Narrated by Peter Coyote, this captivating documentary goes behind the scenes with leading scientists to explore the role top predators play in restoring and maintaining ecosystems and biodiversity.

Wolves and cougars, once driven to the edge of existence, are finding their way back -- from the Yellowstone plateau to the canyons of Zion, from the farm country of northern Minnesota to the rugged open range of the West. LORDS OF NATURE: Life in a Land of Great Predators tells the story of science now discovering the great carnivores as revitalizing forces of nature, and a society now learning tolerance for the beasts they had once banished. After the film, we will have a discussion with Dr. Patrick Thomas about predators and the role they play in our world.

Dr. Thomas has been with the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx (WCS) Zoo's Mammal Department since 1979. He is currently the general curator and is responsible for supervising the care and management of over 4,000 animals from nearly 500 species. Thomas has worked on field projects throughout the world. Within the past five years he has worked in South Africa, where he developed techniques to non-invasively collect hair samples from lions, leopards and cheetahs for DNA analyses, and in South America where he has been working to evaluate the short-and long-term effects of live-shearing guanacos for their wool, which is being tried as a conservation strategy. He has also traveled extensively for WCS, leading a team to bring back an orphaned snow leopard cub from the Himalayas of Pakistan, to consult with the Kenya Wildlife Service and Uganda Wildlife Education Center on the redesign of their captive animal facilities in Nairobi and Entebbe, and to lead numerous WCS Members' tours to southern Africa.

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