

# ELLIE WILLIAMS AMPS

## Sound Recordist

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*I am an award-winning recordist with two decades' experience working in filmmaking, starting out at the BBC's Natural History Unit. Along with a passion for creatively and authentically capturing sound, I bring a solid background of location experience and BBC training to each shoot.*

*My work has taken me to six of the world's continents. My recordings have been broadcast by the BBC, Netflix, Apple, National Geographic, Disney, Amazon, Sky Nature, PBS, HBO and (by President Biden) from the White House. I have filmed with Sir David Attenborough, HRH Prince William, Dame Jane Goodall, Sir Michael Palin, Greta Thunberg and Jill Biden (when FLOTUS). I love the adventure, learning and friendships that every shoot brings.*

*I am part of the multi award-winning Wounded Buffalo sound family:*  
<https://woundedbuffalo.co.uk/people/ellie-williams/>

*I sometimes appear on the other side of the lens and contribute to radio as a wildlife sound specialist.*

### **SOUND AWARDS**

Sound of the Year Award: Best Natural History Sound win (2025)

*I recorded for the following series that received recognition for craft sound:*

Secret World of Sound with David Attenborough (2025): BAFTA win, Association of Motion Picture Sound win, Emmy nominee, Jackson Wild nominee

Earthsounds (2025): Emmy win, Royal Television Society win, BAFTA nominee, Jackson Wild nominee

Ocean with David Attenborough (2025): Association of Motion Picture Sound win, Jackson Wild nominee

Lucy the Human Chimp (2021) - Royal Television Society nominee

### **RECORDING STYLES**

VR/Immersive (Surround & Ambisonics 360), Blue Chip Natural History, Documentary, Studio, Drama, Virtual Production, Live

### **LOCATION EXPERIENCE**

**BBC:** New Zealand (15 months), Canada, USA, Japan, India, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Borneo, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa, Botswana, Cape Verde, Brazil, Costa Rica, Vanuatu, Trinidad and Tobago, Iceland (Arctic Circle), Spain, British Isles (including Skomer, Lundy, Orkney and Shetland).

**Indie:** The Falkland Islands, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Peru (Amazon), Brazil, USA, Bermuda, South Africa (Kalahari), The Gambia, Botswana, Liberia, Germany, France, Sweden (Arctic).

### **REMOTE WORKING ENVIRONMENTS**

Heat, humidity, cold, altitude - savanna, jungles, mountains, oceans, glaciers, deserts, tiny islands

## **FILM & TV PROJECTS**

### **Sound and On-Camera:**

Hamza's Hidden Wild Isles, BBC1 (Silverback Films), 2025  
Secret Lives of Trees narrated by Sir Michael Palin, C5 (BBC Studios/Voltage TV), 2025  
Countryfile, BBC1, 2025  
Earthsounds, Apple TV (Offspring Films), 2024

### **Sound:**

Blue Planet III, BBC/Worldwide, 2026  
Secrets of the Deep, Nat Geo & Disney+ (BBC Studios), 2026  
Hidden Planet, BBC Studios, 2026  
Sentient, Netflix (Wildstar Films), 2026  
Matriarch, BBC Studios, 2026  
How to Live on Earth, Cinematic Release & YouTube (Open Planet Studios), 2026  
Ocean with David Attenborough, Cinematic Release, Nat Geo & Disney+ (Open Planet Studios), 2025  
Project Storm (working title - under NDA), Netflix (BBC Studios), 2025  
Animal Oddballs, Nat Geo/Disney+ (Wildstar Films), 2025  
Secret World of Sound, Netflix/Sky Nature (Humblebee Films), 2024  
Wilding, Cinematic Release (Passion Pictures), 2024  
Secret Lives of Animals, Apple TV (BBC Studios), 2024  
Earthshot III, BBC (Silverback Films), 2023  
A Real Bug's Life, Disney+/Nat Geo (Plimsoll Productions), 2023  
Wild Isles, BBC (Silverback Films), 2022  
America's National Parks, National Geographic (Wildstar Films), 2022  
Prehistoric Planet, Apple TV (BBC Studios), 2022  
The Earthshot Prize: Repairing Our Planet, BBC (Silverback Films), 2021  
Lucy the Human Chimp, HBO Max/Channel 4 (Keo Films), 2021  
Breaking Boundaries, Netflix (Silverback Films), 2021  
Animals with Cameras II, (BBC Studios), 2021  
Gathering Storm, National Geographic (Keo Films), 2020  
The One Show - Natural History Inserts, BBC, 2018-2020  
Yellowstone Live, National Geographic (Plimsoll), 2019  
First Year on Earth, BBC, 2019  
Springwatch, Gardeners' World, Chelsea Flower Show, BBC, ongoing

### **Sound and Production:**

Big Cats, BBC, 2018. This Wild Life, BBC, 2015. Springwatch, Autumnwatch, BBC, 2009-2011

### **Production:**

America, National Geographic (Wildstar Films), 2019. Hidden Kingdoms (3D), BBC, 2014.  
Land of the Lost Wolves, BBC, 2012. Ocean Giants, BBC, 2011. South Pacific, BBC, 2009  
Wild China, BBC, 2008. Big Cat Diary, BBC, 2007. Orangutan Diary, BBC, 2007. Natural World:  
Buddha, Bees & The Giant Hornet Queen, BBC, 2007. Atlas HD India, Discovery Channel, 2004

## **VR/IMMERSIVE**

Under NDA - BBC/National Geographic/Disney, 2025

## **BBC RADIO/PODCASTS**

- BBC Podcast: Interviewee on Sir David Attenborough and his sound recordings, 2022
- BBC Radio 4: Interviewee on wildlife sound recording, *Ramblings with Clare Balding*, 2021  
Reporter from India on Elephant Corridors, *Saving Species*, 2012
- BBC Radio 3: Field recordings of dawn chorus on Dartmoor, *Breakfast*, 2025  
Interviewee on sounds of the night in nature, *The Listening Service*, 2019  
Live On-Stage BA at WOMAD festival (2009 & 2010)
- BBC Radio 6: Recording of seismic elephant seals, *Freak Zone Playlist*, 2025  
Field recordings and narration, *Lose Yourself with Racheal Dadd*, 2023  
Recording of Ghanaian singing from BBC Earthshot, *Cerys Matthews*, 2021
- BBC Radio Devon: Interviewee on recording for *Hamza's Hidden Wild Isles*, Daytime, 2025
- BBC Radio Bristol: Studio BA and Location Sound, *BBC Introducing*, 2012-2018

## **DRAMA**

2AS (2019-2023)

His Dark Materials (BBC1/HBO). The Outlaws (BBC1/Amazon Prime). Chloe (BBC1/BBC Drama). Alex Rider (Amazon Prime). Becoming Elizabeth (Amazon Starz). The Spanish Princess II (Amazon Starz). McDonald and Dodds (Amazon/Apple TV/ITVX). The Flatshare (Paramount+)

## **ONLINE**

The Royal Family & Nat Geo - 'Ocean' interview - Sir David Attenborough & HRH Prince William, 2025

Waterstones - 'Ocean' book launch with Sir Michael Palin, 2025

Survival International (NGO) - VO recording of multi-Grammy-nominated Anoushka Shankar, 2022

Outrage and Optimism Podcast, location interviews inc now Canadian PM Mark Carney, 2019

Peoples' Walk for Wildlife - Music recording of Billy Bragg & Chris Packham - 2018

## **COMMERCIAL**

Bright Fox 2026, Ffern 2024-2025, Enviral 2025, Little Thief 2025, Our House 2025, Untold Fable 2025, Holmes Productions 2024, JS Productions 2024, Mint Cake 2023, Idol Films 2023, We Are Reach 2023, Woven Films 2022, Happy Hour Productions 2019-2022, Jones Millbank 2022, Hoi Palloi 2021, Five Films 2019

## **CREATIVE ARTS**

Live music recording: BBC 2 Folk Singer of the Year, Rioghnach Connolly, 2024

Live music recording: 'Orchard Street' opera with string quintet, composer Emma Butterworth, 2024

National Trust: Sound Walks with award-winning Novelist Ellen Wiles, 2021-2023

Distant Dances: Field recordings used by Emmy award-winning composer, Barnaby Taylor, 2023

Hydrophone recordings: Racheal Dadd's 'River Spirit' (Memphis Industries Label), 2022

Deutsche Welle: Interview with Artist Grayson Perry, Jan 2020.

Venice Biennale: Location Recordist for Artist Charlotte Prodger (Turner Prize winner) in the Okavango Delta, Botswana, Dec 2018.

**KIT** owned includes: Sennheiser Ambeo VR Ambisonics array, DMS Surround rig - Sennheiser MKH8040s & MKH30. Sennheiser MKH50, MKH8060, MKH418S, MKH816 mics. DPA 6060 lav mics, Wisycom radios, Lectrosonics wireless camera hop, Timecode Systems UltraSynchs, Sound Devices mixers, Lectrosonics IEM. Geophones, contact mics, Ambient (ASF-1) & DolphinEar hydrophones, ultrasonic mics. Camera mics - Sennheiser directional and Audio Technica stereo rigs.

## **TRAINING**

BBC: Sound Recording on Location (BBC Wood Norton), Remote First Aid, Safe Management of Production.

DOSIT: Marine Invertebrates and Sound - Certificate of Professional Development, 2025

Leaping Wing: Drone A2CofC, 2025

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

Association of Motion Picture Sound 'AMPS', (Vice-Chair 2022-2023, member since 2019)

International Bioacoustics Society

Bristol Crew

## **MASTERCLASSES**

Panel Discussion 'Natural Born Singers', The Royal Society, July 2026 (upcoming)

Panel Discussion & Screening: 'Earthsounds' for a BAFTA audience, Battersea Power Station, Feb 2025

Workshop 'The Art of Interviews', Wildscreen Film Festival, 2024

Panel Discussion 'Sound Design: Levelling up Creativity', Wildscreen Film Festival, 2024

Panel Discussion for the Earthsounds series, Bristol IMAX for the Festival of Nature, 2024

Panel Discussion 'Post Production Sound for Natural History', Olympia Media Production Show, 2024

Panel Discussion for 'Earthsounds' (webinar), Wildscreen, 2024

## **FILM SCHOOL SESSIONS**

Location Sound Recording Training, University of Bristol, 2026

Drama Sound Assistant Training, Screenskills, 2022 & 2025

Panel Discussion 'Freelance Filmmaking', Screenology Film College, 2023

'In conversation with...', Sound Film Students, University of the West of England, 2021, 2023, 2025

'In conversation with...', Film Students, Boomsatsuma Film College, 2023

'In conversation with...', Sound Film Students, University of York, (Audio Engineering Society), 2018

## **PODCAST CONTRIBUTIONS**

Association of Motion Picture Sound:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/ep46-amps-awards-ellie-williams-secret-world-of/id1496561446?i=1000704434021>

Natural Wanders:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/ellie-williams-sounds-really-connect-us-to-a-place/id1505398599?i=1000714952802>

Wild Film Hub:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/what-does-it-take-to-record-the-sounds-of-our/id1682763309?i=1000653832977>

## **ARTICLES**

<https://antonspice.substack.com/p/sound-recordist-ellie-williams-captures>

<https://www.dpamicrophones.com/news/2025/ellie-williams-answers-the-call-of-the-wild/>

<https://eu.bubblebeeindustries.com/blogs/inthewild/ellie-williams-the-sound-of-nature>

## **GENERAL**

US i-visa valid until April 2027 / EU Citizen (British/Irish dual nationality).

Vaccinated for worldwide travel

Marine medical valid until March 2028

Security checked: DBS 2025, Crown 2025, Secret Service 2022

Full clean UK & international driving licences / VW Transporter Van