



## Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant

ADVENTURER / EXPLORER · SCIENTIST

Renowned Wildlife Ecologist, Conservationist, and Storyteller



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### About:

- **Gender:** Female
- **Nationality:** United States
- **Languages:** English
- **Travels from:** United States

### Engagement Types:

- Speaking

### Topics:

- DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion)
- Leadership & Management

### Websites:

- [Website](#)

## Biography Highlights

- Host of PBS' 'Going Wild with Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant' and NBC's 'Wild Kingdom'
- National Geographic Explorer & Research Faculty Member at Bren School of Environmental Science and Management - UC Santa Barbara
- Advocate for Equity and Justice

## Biography

Renowned wildlife ecologist, equity and justice advocate, and storyteller Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant is a trail-blazing conservationist whose insights about STEM, equity, and the power of nature inspire audiences of all kinds. As an active scientist, Dr. Wynn-Grant researches how human activity influences the behavior of wild animals, spending long periods in the wilderness tracking and observing black and grizzly bears in the Western U.S. and African lions in rural Kenya and Tanzania. Her wildlife exploration and media work has taken her to six of seven continents and over 25 countries. A native Californian, Dr. Wynn-Grant attributes her interest in wildlife and conservation from the nature shows she watched on television as a child, and today she uses media to increase representation of Black scientists and explorers. Dr. Wynn-Grant is the Host of a new NBC series, Wild Kingdom - a new version of the iconic wildlife show premiering

Fall 2023.

Dr. Wynn-Grant envisions a near-future where the outdoors is a safe, equitably accessible, and positively transformative space for all people, and she shares her passionate insights in riveting keynotes and conversations. Dr. Wynn-Grant is a faculty member at the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at University of California at Santa Barbara, serves on the Golden Gate regional board of NatureBridge, and is a National Geographic Explorer. Her PBS podcast, Going Wild with Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant, takes listeners deep into the heart of the world's most remote jungles, savannas, tundras, mountains, and deserts with her as she studies wild animals in their natural habitats. A phenomenal leader in her field and a compelling speaker, Dr. Wynn-Grant uses the power of storytelling to make science accessible, emphasizing the importance of creating equitable opportunities for young people to experience nature first-hand.

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## Videos





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## Rae's Topics

### Author Talk: 'Wild Life'

Wildlife ecologist Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant is known for her conservationism as well as her storytelling as told in her vulnerable and urgent memoir, *Wild Life: Finding My Purpose in an Untamed World*. In this compelling program, Dr. Wynn-Grant shares the journey that brought her to her expertise – studying black bears in the Western United States – as well as her advocacy for equity and justice, empowering the next generation of STEM leaders, and why everyone deserves to experience nature for themselves.

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**Available:** In person, Virtually

### How Humans & Wildlife Interact

Renowned wildlife ecologist Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant has studied 'mega-fauna' (large carnivores) all over the world, and currently studies black bears in the Western United States. In this engaging program, she shares her expertise in the field, her experience in STEM, how humans and wildlife interact, and how everyone can experience the joy of nature in their own way.

**Available:** In person, Virtually

### What Self-Care Means When Working in STEM

As a leader and expert in the field of wildlife ecology, Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant describes a career in science, exploration, and conservation as a career of service to the world. In this empowering talk, Dr. Wynn-Grant shares her insights about using self-care and maintaining mental health & wellbeing to be not only your best self, but also the best scientist you can be.

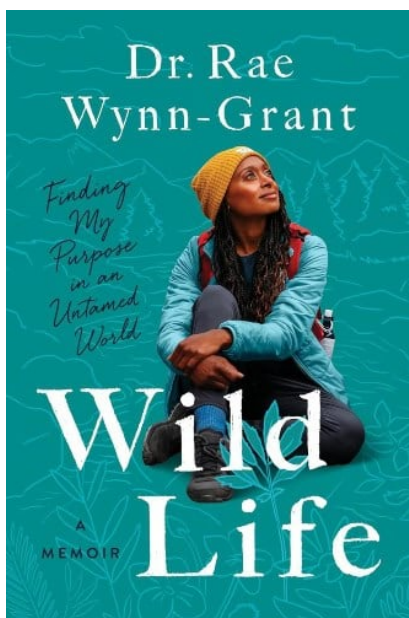
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## Increasing Diversity in STEM

Renowned wildlife ecologist and storyteller Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant is an impactful advocate for equity and justice, especially when it comes to creating opportunities for marginalized young people to experience nature for themselves. She was introduced to nature through educational TV shows, learned about careers in environmental science in college, and eventually experienced the outdoors for herself. Dr. Wynn-Grant shares her journey and her belief that passion is just as important as experiences outdoors and performance in school, offering a motivational perspective about creating equal opportunities in STEM.

**Available:** In person, Virtually

## Books



### Wild Life: Finding My Purpose in an Untamed World

“As sensitive and touching as it is urgent . . . [Wild Life is] a poignant exploration of the natural world.” —O, The Oprah Magazine “Wild Life is the bushwacking, honest, and inspiring memoir I wish I'd had as a budding scientist. Dr. Wynn-Grant's richly-told, revelatory journey will surely have remarkable ripples for generations—and have you on the edge of your seat.” —Ayana Elizabeth Johnson, cofounder Urban Ocean Lab In this vulnerable and urgent memoir, Rae Wynn-Grant explores the ever-shifting relationship between humans, animals, and the earth through her personal journey to becoming a wildlife ecologist. Growing up in the diverse and bustling California Bay Area, renowned wildlife ecologist Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant always felt worlds away from the white male adventurers she watched explore the wilderness on TV. She dreamed of a future where she could spend sleepless nights under the crowded canopies of the Amazon and the starry skies of the savanna. But as Rae set off on her own expeditions in the wild, she saw nature's delicate balance in a new light. Wild Life follows Rae on her adventures and explorations in some of the world's most remote locales. Hers is a story about a nearly twenty-year career in the wild—carving a niche as one of very few Black female scientists—and the challenges she had to overcome, expectations she had to leave behind, and the many lessons she learned along the way. An incredible journey spanning the Great Plains of North America to the rainforests of Madagascar, Wild Life sheds light on our pivotal relationship and responsibility to the natural world and the relatives—both human and otherwise—that we share it with.

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