

***The Wild Robot*** is an upcoming American animated epic science fiction survival adventure film based on the book series of the same name by Peter Brown, produced by DreamWorks Animation and distributed by Universal Pictures. The film was written and directed by Chris Sanders, produced by Jeff Hermann, and executive produced by Sanders' longtime collaborative partner Dean DeBlois. It stars Lupita Nyong'o as Roz, the title character, alongside an ensemble voice cast including Pedro Pascal, Kit Connor, Bill Nighy, Stephanie Hsu, Mark Hamill, and Catherine O'Hara.

DreamWorks announced an animated film adaptation of the book series *The Wild Robot* in September 2023, with Sanders, Hermann, and DeBlois attached. It will be the final film to be animated entirely in-house at DreamWorks, as it was reported in October 2023 that the studio would be shifting away from producing films in-house to rely more heavily on outside studios after 2024. Kris Bowers will compose the film's score.

*The Wild Robot* is scheduled to be theatrically released in the United States on September 27, 2024.

## Premise

The epic adventure follows the journey of a robot—ROZZUM unit 7134, “Roz” for short — that is shipwrecked on an uninhabited island and must learn to adapt to the harsh surroundings, gradually building relationships with the animals on the island and becoming the adoptive parent of an orphaned gosling.

— DreamWorks Animation<sup>[1]</sup>

## Voice cast

- Lupita Nyong'o as Roz<sup>[2]</sup>
- Pedro Pascal as Fink<sup>[2]</sup>
- Catherine O'Hara as Pinktail<sup>[2]</sup>
- Bill Nighy as Longneck<sup>[2]</sup>
- Kit Connor as Brightbill<sup>[2]</sup>
- Stephanie Hsu as Vontra<sup>[2]</sup>

### *The Wild Robot*



Teaser poster

<b>Directed by</b>	<u>Chris Sanders</u>
<b>Written by</b>	<u>Chris Sanders</u>
<b>Based on</b>	<i>The Wild Robot</i> by <u>Peter Brown</u>
<b>Produced by</b>	<u>Jeff Hermann</u>
<b>Starring</b>	<u>Lupita Nyong'o</u> <u>Pedro Pascal</u> <u>Kit Connor</u> <u>Bill Nighy</u> <u>Stephanie Hsu</u> <u>Mark Hamill</u> <u>Catherine O'Hara</u>
<b>Edited by</b>	<u>Mary Blee</u>
<b>Music by</b>	<u>Kris Bowers</u>
<b>Production company</b>	<u>DreamWorks Animation</u>
<b>Distributed by</b>	<u>Universal Pictures</u>
<b>Release date</b>	September 27, 2024
<b>Country</b>	United States

Additionally, [Mark Hamill](#), [Matt Berry](#) and [Ving Rhames](#) have been cast in undisclosed roles.<sup>[2]</sup>

<b>Language</b>	English
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## Production

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### Development

On September 28, 2023, [DreamWorks Animation](#) announced an animated film adaptation of the book series *The Wild Robot* by [Peter Brown](#), with [Chris Sanders](#) set to write and direct, [Jeff Hermann](#) set to produce, and Sanders' longtime creative collaborator [Dean DeBlois](#) set to serve as executive producer. Other crew members were revealed, including production designer [Raymond Zibach](#), editor [Mary Blee](#), and head of story [Heidi Jo Gilbert](#).<sup>[3]</sup>

On March 5, 2024, with the release of the film's first trailer, [Lupita Nyong'o](#), [Pedro Pascal](#), [Catherine O'Hara](#), [Bill Nighy](#), [Kit Connor](#), [Stephanie Hsu](#), [Mark Hamill](#), [Matt Berry](#), and [Ving Rhames](#) were announced to be starring in the film.<sup>[2][4]</sup>

### Animation and design

*The Wild Robot* will be the final film to be animated entirely in-house at DreamWorks, as [Cartoon Brew](#) reported on October 6, 2023 that the studio would be shifting away from producing films in-house in their Glendale campus to rely more heavily on outside studios after 2024.<sup>[5]</sup>

### Music

[Kris Bowers](#) will compose the film's score, marking his first score for an animated film.<sup>[6]</sup>

## Marketing

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The first trailer for the film, featuring a rendition of [Reuben and the Dark](#)'s cover of "[What a Wonderful World](#)", and poster, were released on March 5, 2024.<sup>[7]</sup> The trailer would debut in theaters three days later in front of the screenings of *[Kung Fu Panda 4](#)*.<sup>[8]</sup> Writing for *[Polygon](#)*, [Tasha Robinson](#) compared the design of Roz to familiar film robots such as [BB-8](#), [WALL-E](#), [Baymax](#), and [The Iron Giant](#), and notes that the only words spoken in the trailer - "Sometimes to survive, we must become more than we were programmed to be" - evoked the message of *[The Iron Giant](#)* (1999).<sup>[9]</sup>

## Release

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*The Wild Robot* is scheduled to be released on September 27, 2024.<sup>[10]</sup> It was previously scheduled for September 20 of that year,<sup>[11]</sup> but was pushed back a week later to avoid competition with [Paramount Animation](#)'s *[Transformers One](#)*.<sup>[10]</sup>

As part of Universal's deal with Netflix, the film will stream on Peacock for the first four months of the pay-TV window, before moving to Netflix for the next ten, and returning to Peacock for the remaining four.<sup>[12][13]</sup>

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