

THE PRIVATE LIFE OF PLANTS

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The Private Life of Plants is a BBC nature documentary series written and presented by David Attenborough, first transmitted in the UK from 11 January 1995.

This TV series consisted of six episodes documenting the growth, movement, reproduction and survival of plants: "Traveling", "Growing", "Flowering", "The Social Struggle", "Living Together", and "Surviving"; terms that can easily be transferred to the life and work of an artist, dealing with the transformation and evolution of ideas.

Similar to plant life, co-operative strategies are often much more effective than predatory ones, as these often lead to the prey developing methods of self-defense — from plants growing spikes to insects learning to recognize mimicry. Yet humans can work around all these rules of nature, so Attenborough concludes with a plea to preserve plants, in the interest of self-preservation.

Works from left:

DAVID NOONAN: *Rose*, 2011

KARL ORTON: *Dear Cerith, how long does it take for a plant to have an epileptic fit* 2009

MARCO PALMIERI: *Twins*, 2011

JOSEPH LONG: *Bench: Tropical Modernism*, 2006-2011,

Readers: A Difficult Delivery (Reader 1/5), 2011, *Intellectual Property Rights Attached to Plants* (Reader 1/5), 2011, *Blood & Sand* (Reader 1/5), 2011

MARCO PALMIERI: *Untitled*, 2011

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