



## **Surreal Nature**

Dave Groom

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“The title ‘Surreal Nature’ is a nod to an art genre I have always been fascinated by, but it also suggests that nature has a strong sense of the surreal. It can be dream-like and bizarre. Its shapes and forms and ways of evolving are incomprehensible to us at times.

Our traditional viewpoint of the landscape is one with a horizon line. We see the sky, mountains and valleys, trees and pastures, but the detail of nature is hidden from view. It's not until we imagine the viewpoint of a bird flying or an ant crawling that we realise nature can be seen in very different ways.

When I began work for this exhibition, there were no fires or floods or pandemics on the horizon. These events turned our world upside down. Nature's surreal elements suggest now, more than ever, that maybe we need to look at our world from different perspectives.”

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*Ghosts Beneath the Canopy* 2020

oil on canvas, 90 × 120cm

Image courtesy the artist.