The Complete John Wayne Filmography

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Over a career spanning half a century, John Wayne made almost 200 theatrical films and dozens of other films. As Wayne himself has noted that there were many films he worked on but could not remember, the count may well exceed 200. Sometimes he appeared on screen as the film's star, sometimes as an extra, and sometimes he worked on these projects as a crew member. Included in this section are five lists of John Wayne film work, and these lists are as complete as I have been able to ascertain. The lists are presented in alphabetical order (rather than chronological order), with the year of release following after the name of the film, and other information as well, when necessary.

In the "Theatrical Films" list, alternate titles are also given beneath each film title. In recent years there have been edited down versions of some early John Wayne films, some colorized and others not, that have been re-titled. This has given rise to the mistaken idea that these are previously unknown or unreleased John Wayne films, when the fact of the matter is, they are merely edited and or colorized versions of his films.

The Lists Included in This Section Are:

List #1) The Theatrical Films of John Wayne

List #2) Films with John Wayne as a part of the story line

List #3) Governmental & Industrial films, Theatrical Shorts, Political films, Public Service Announcements (PSA's) shown in theaters, and a couple of pieces I've labeled "other video" that I am not really sure where to put.

List #4) Theatrical newsreels featuring John Wayne.

List #5) "Making of" Featurettes. Although these were primarily shown in theaters, some of those listed here were made specifically for the video release of the particular films.

~Theatrical Films~

3 Godfathers - 1948

Adventure's End [No prints of this film are known to exist. Considered to be a lost film] - 1937

The Alamo – 1960 [Note: There are at least two versions of this film that have been released on video/DVD. They are the 167 min. General Release version, and the 193 min. Road Show version]

Allegheny Uprising – 1939 [aka: The First Rebel (UK title)]

A Man Betrayed – 1941 [aka: Citadel of Crime (UK title); aka: Wheel of Fortune (re-issue title)]

Angel and the Badman – 1947 [aka: Angel and the Outlaw]

Annie Laurie - 1927

Arizona – 1931 [aka: Men Are Like That; aka: The Virtuous Wife]

Baby Face - 1933

Back to Bataan – 1945 [The Invisible Army]

Barbarian and the Geisha - 1958

Bardely's The Magnificent - 1926

Big Jake - 1971

Big Jim McLain - 1952

The Big Stampede - 1932

The Big Trail - 1930

The Black Watch – 1929 [aka: King of the Khyber Rifles (UK title)]

Blood Alley - 1955

Born to the West – 1937 [aka: Helltown]

Blue Steel – 1934 [aka: Bandits of the Badlands (edited, colorized version); aka: Stolen Goods (edited, colorized version)]

Born Reckless - 1930

Brannigan – 1975 [aka: Joe Battle (UK Title)]

Brown of Harvard - 1926

Cahill – U.S. Marshal – 1973 [aka: Wednesday Morning (working title)]

California Straight Ahead - 1937

Cancel My Reservation - 1972

Cast A Giant Shadow - 1966

Central Airport - 1933

Cheer Up And Smile – 1930 [No prints of this film are known to exist. Considered to be a lost film]

Chisum - 1970

Circus World – 1964 [aka: Magnificient Showman]

College Coach -1933 [aka: Football Coach (UK title)]

The Comancheros - 1961

Conflict - 1936

The Conqueror – 1956 [aka: Conqueror of the Desert]

The Cowboys - 1972

Dakota - 1945

Dark Command - 1940

Dawn Rider – 1935 [aka: Cold Vengeance (edited, colorized version); aka: Avenging Angel (edited, colorized version)]

The Deceiver – 1931 [No prints of this film are known to exist. Considered to be a lost film]

Desert Command – 1946 [Note: This is a 75 minute edited "Feature Film Version" of the 1933 film serial The Three Musketeers]

The Desert Trail – 1935 [aka: On the Run (edited, colorized version)]

Donovan's Reef - 1963

The Drop Kick – 1927 [aka: Glitter]

El Dorado - 1966

The Fighting Kentuckian - 1949

Fighting Seabees – 1944 [aka: Donovan's Army]

Flame of the Barbary Coast - 1945

Fort Apache - 1948

Four Sons - 1928

The Forward Pass – 1929 [No prints of this film are known to exist. Considered to be a lost film]

Flying Leathernecks - 1951

Flying Tigers - 1942

Girls Demand Excitement - 1931

The Greatest Story Ever Told - 1965

The Great K&A Train Robbery - 1926

The Green Beret - 1968

Ham Hamilton Shorts - 1915-1932 [Note: John Wayne stated that he appeared in some Ham Hamilton shorts as an extra. Exactly which ones is unknown]

Hangman's House - 1928

Hatari! - 1962

Haunted Gold - 1932

Hellfighters - 1968

The High and the Mighty - 1954

His Private Secretary - 1933

Hondo - 1953

The Horse Soldiers - 1959

How The West Was Won - 1962

The Hurricane Express (Serial) - 1932

I Cover The War - 1937

Idol of the Crowds - 1937

I Married A Woman - 1958

In Harm's Way - 1965

In Old California - 1942

In Old Oklahoma – 1943 [aka: War of the Wildcats (re-issue title)]

Island in the Sky - 1953

Jet Pilot - 1957

King of the Pecos - 1936

Lady and Gent – 1932 [aka: The Challenger]

Lady For A Night - 1942

Lady Takes A Chance – 1943 [aka: The Cowboy and the Girl]

Lady From Louisiana – 1941 [aka: Lady from New Orleans]

Lawless Frontier – 1934 [aka: Vengeance is Mine (edited, colorized version)]

Lawless Nineties - 1936

Lawless Range - 1935

Legend of the Lost – 1957 [aka: Timbuctu (Italian title)]

The Life of Jimmy Dolan – 1933 [aka: The Kid's Last Fight (UK title)]

The Long Voyage Home - 1940

The Longest Day - 1962

The Lonely Trail - 1936

Lone Star Ranger – 1930 [Note: John Wayne stated that he worked on this film, herding horses, and as an un-credited posse member]

The Lucky Texan – 1934 [aka: Gold Strike River (edited, colorized version); aka: Claim Jumpers (edited, colorized version); aka: Cowboy G-man (edited, colorized version)]

Maker of Men – 1931 [aka: Yellow]

The Man From Monterey - 1933

The Man From Utah – 1934 [aka: Rodeo Racketeers (edited, colorized version)]

The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance - 1962

McLintock! - 1963

McQ - 1974

Men Without Women - 1930

Mother Machree - 1928

'Neath the Arizona Skies – 1934 [aka: Neath Arizona Skies]

The New Frontier - 1935

New Frontier – 1939 [aka: Frontier Horizon (re-issue title)]

Night Riders - 1939

Noah's Ark - 1928

North to Alaska - 1960

Operation Pacific - 1951

The Oregon Trail – 1936 [No prints of this film are known to exist. Considered to be a lost film]

Overland Stage Raiders - 1938

Pals of the Saddle - 1938

Paradise Canyon – 1935 [aka: Guns Along the Trail (edited, colorized version); aka: Paradise Ranch (edited, colorized version)]

Pittsburgh - 1942

The Quiet Man - 1952

Rainbow Valley - 1935

Randy Rides Alone – 1934 [aka: The Drifter (edited, colorized version)]

Range Feud - 1931

Reap The Wild Wind - 1942

Red River – 1948 [aka: The River Is Red (USA Working title)]

Red River Range - 1938

Reunion in France – 1942 [aka: Mademoiselle France (UK title); aka: Reunion]

Ride Him, Cowboy – 1932 [aka: The Hawk]

Riders of Destiny - 1933

Rio Bravo - 1959

Rio Grande - 1950

Rio Lobo - 1970

Rooster Cogburn – 1975 [aka: Rooster Cogburn and the Lady]

Rough Romance - 1930

Sagebrush Trail – 1933 [aka: An Innocent Man (edited, colorized version); aka: Fugitive (edited, colorized version)]

Salute - 1929

Sands of Iwo Jima - 1949

Santa Fe Stampede - 1938

The Sea Chase - 1955

The Searchers - 1956

The Sea Spoilers - 1936

Seven Sinners – 1940 [aka: Café of the Seven Sinners (UK re-issue title)]

Shadow of the Eagle (Serial) - 1932

Shepherd of the Hills - 1941

She Wore A Yellow Ribbon - 1949

The Shootist - 1976

Somewhere in Sonora - 1933

The Sons of Katie Elder - 1965

Speakeasy - 1929 [No prints of this film are known to exist. Considered to be a lost film]

The Spoilers - 1942

Stagecoach - 1939

The Star Packer – 1934 [aka: He Wore A Star (UK title); aka: The Shadow Gang (edited, colorized version)]

Strong Boy – 1929 [No prints of this film are known to exist. Considered to be a lost film]

The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi – 1933 [No prints of this film are known to exist. Considered to be a lost film. Although there are some who dispute John Wayne's appearance in this film, there is a publicity still from this film which does feature John Wayne in it. The fact that the film featured the USC fraternity Sigma Chi, which Wayne was a member of, further validates his more than likely appearance in the film]

Tall in the Saddle - 1944

Telegraph Trail - 1933

Texas Cyclone - 1932

Texas Terror - 1935

That's My Boy – 1932 [No prints of this film are known to exist. Considered to be a lost film]

They Were Expendable - 1945

Three Faces West – 1940 [aka: The Refugee (UK title)]

Three Girls Lost - 1931

The Three Musketeers (Serial) – 1933 [Later edited into a 77 minute "feature" film]

Three Texas Steers – 1939 [aka: Danger Rides the Range]

Trail Beyond – 1934 [aka: Klondike Gold (edited, colorized version)]

The Train Robbers - 1973

Trouble Along The Way - 1953

True Grit - 1969

Two Fisted Law - 1932

Tycoon - 1947

The Undefeated - 1969

Wake of the Red Witch - 1948

The War Wagon - 1967

West of the Divide – 1934 [aka: Next of Kin (edited, colorized version)]

Westward Ho - 1935

Winds of the Wasteland – 1936 [aka: Stagecoach Race (edited, colorized version); aka: Stagecoach Run (edited, colorized version)]

The Wings of Eagles - 1957

Women of All Nations - 1931

Words and Music – 1929 [No prints of this film are known to exist. Considered to be a lost film]

Without Reservations – 1946 [aka: Thanks God, I'll Take it From Here]

Wyoming Outlaw - 1939

~ Films with John Wayne as Part of the Story Line~

Down Mexico Way – 1941, starring: Gene Autry. Although John Wayne does not appear. He is part of the story line.

The George White Scandals – 1945, starring: Joan Davis and Jack Haley. John Wayne appears in archive footage.

Painted Trail – 1938, Starring: Tom Keene. John Wayne appears in archive footage.

Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch – 1997, Compilation Film. John Wayne appears in archive footage.

~GOVERNMENT & INDUSTRIAL FILMS, THEATRICAL SHORTS, POLITICAL FILMS, PSA's, and OTHER VIDEO~

100 Years Young: The Story of the Massachusetts State Police – Year Unknown, Industrial Film [Allegedly narrated by John Wayne, this is an as yet unconfirmed appearance]

Agnew – 1970, U.S. Information Agency Film [Spiro Agnew's Asian Trip, July 1970]

California Proposition 18 PSA – 1970, PSA [John Wayne speaks out against California Proposition 18, which he considers the wrong anti-pornography bill to combat filth in the movies.]

Cattlemen & Cowboys – 1976, Industrial Film [John Wayne narrated this film]

The Challenge of Ideas – 1961, Political Film [John Wayne appears on camera speaking out against communism]

Best of 1971 – 1971, Industrial Film [John Wayne appeared on camera in this Budweiser Beer Sales Campaign]

CHOICE – 1964, Political Film [John Wayne narrated a portion of this controversial political campaign film for Barry Goldwater's 1964 presidential campaign. Wayne also appeared on camera.]

Christmas Seals – 1955, Theatrical PSA [This was filmed on set of Blood Alley, and John Wayne promotes Christmas Seals]

Decisions – c.1970's, Industrial Film [Produced by Ducks Unlimited, Inc., John Wayne narrates this film.]

The Ducks Unlimited Story – c.1970's, Industrial Film [John Wayne appears on camera and narrates a segment of this documentary. Interestingly, I have been told recently by Ducks Unlimited that this documentary does not exist, and has never existed. However, in 2001, I did watch this video on the Ducks Unlimited website. I also contacted Ducks Unlimited in 2001 to inquire about purchasing a copy of the film, and I was told that although it was available, supplies were limited to copies currently in stock, and no new copies would be made.]

Focus on the Screen Writer – c.1940's, Documentary Film Short [Shows a clip of Red River]

Freedom's Foundation – Year Unknown, presumably c.1950's, Theatrical PSA [John Wayne speaks on camera, in western garb, for the Freedom's Foundation during an apparent 4th of July celebration]

The Friendship Train – c.1947, Theatrical Short [Wayne can allegedly be seen near the beginning of this short film, during the Hollywood sequence, but try as I might, I have yet to see him in it. This is an as yet unconfirmed appearance]

The Hollywood Handicap – 1932, Theatrical Short [This 20 minute theatrical short featured up and coming actors, including John Wayne, in comedy and musical skits]

Home For The Seabees – 1977, U.S. Navy Informational Film [Narrated by John Wayne, this short informational film is shown at the SeaBee Museum in Port Hueneme, California. Although the museum has stated in the past that they plan to make this film available for purchase, they have yet to do so.]

John Ford: Memorial Day 1970 – 1974, Other Video [Filmed by Mark Haggard, and released in 1974. This video was filmed at the Motion Picture and Television Country House and Hospital. This short film *may* contain footage of John Wayne, as he regularly attended these annual functions, and entertained the residents there.]

John Wayne for Christmas Seals – 1955, Theatrical PSA [John Wayne appears on camera promoting the sale and purchase of Christmas Seals]

John Wayne for The Will Rogers Memorial Hospital – 1967, Theatrical PSA [John Wayne appears on camera promoting the Will Rogers Memorial Hospital]

Meet the Stars #8: Stars Past and Present – 1941, Theatrical Short [Film stars, including John Wayne, gather to take part in the ceremonies at the dedication of Republic's new sound stage to the memory of Mabel Normand]

Memo For Joe – 1944, Theatrical PSA [Film stars, including John Wayne, go on camera to promote the American Community Chest program and its importance to the war effort.]

Miracle in Motion – 1952, Theatrical PSA [John Wayne narrated this fund raising PSA to benefit the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation.]

More Than a Paycheck – c.1970/1971, OSHA Safety Film [John Wayne narrate this OSHA documentary concerning the relationship between cancer and chemical and plastics manufacturing.]

NROTC, UCLA Graduation Ceremonies, June 7, 1970 – 1970, Department of Defense Film [John Wayne participates in the graduation ceremonies, speaking and pinning the NROTC Pistol Award on one of the cadets.]

Operation Hawthorne – 1966, U.S. Army film [Documents the activities of the 101st Airborne Division, in Dak To South Vietnam. John Wayne makes an appearance and visits the 502d and 327 Infantry.]

Operation Homecoming – 1973, Military / Political Film [Between April 27-29, 1973, returning prisoners of war were honored at a special event by the President and several dignitaries and celebrities. John Wayne gives a speech, and is seen throughout the video. Although this was never meant to be aired, video of the event does exist in some collections.]

Patriotism: Have it Your Way – 1978, Government Information Film [John Wayne narrates and appears on camera, extolling the virtues of patriotism. This is the last known film appearance made by John Wayne.]

Running Hollywood – 1932, Film Short [A brief 20 minute comedy short which featured a young John Wayne]

The Screen Director – 1951, Theatrical Short [John Wayne appears on the set of Operation Pacific with John Ford]

Screen Snapshots: Cowboy Jubilee – 1940, Film Short [This was Series 19, No 8, of Columbia Pictures "behind-the-scenes" documentary shorts, and featured, among other celebrities, John Wayne.] (Series 19, No 8): Cowboy Jubilee

Screen Snapshots: Salute to Hollywood – 1958, Film Short [In this episode of "Screen Snapshots", host Ralph Staub greets several Hollywood celebrities as they arrive at a awards celebration hosted by the Saturday Evening Post. Among the celebrities arriving is John Wayne.]

This Little Bullet –c.1970's, Industrial Film [This firearm safety film was produced by the Arizona Fish & Game Department, and features John Wayne.]

Three Lives – 1953, Film Short / PSA [Along with several other Hollywood stars, John Wayne serves as a commentator in this brief PSA.]

Treasury Department: U.S. Savings Bonds Division, Presents John Wayne – 1953, Theatrical PSA [John Wayne promotes Savings Bonds]

U.S. Dept. of HEW: Stop Smoking PSA – c.1971, PSA [John Wayne promotes the Department of Health, Education and Welfare Stop Smoking campaign.]

The Voice of Hollywood No. 13 (Second Series) – 1932, Theatrical Short [John Wayne appears as the announcer for fictional radio station STAR, and introduces several acts featuring known celebrities.]

The Way It Is: The Tactical Airlift Story – 1972, United States Air Force Film [John Wayne does an on-camera introduction and then narrates this USAF/DoD information film.]

Wings of Eagles Home Movies – c.1956/1957, Other Video [This is an 8mm home movie taken aboard the U.S. Navy ship used during the filming of Wings of Eagles starring John Wayne. The film does not have any sound, but John Wayne does appear in a number of candid shots. Please note that the original of this film was purchased by Ethan Wayne, who now holds the rights to it. It is not available for sale.]

You're The Star – 1953, Theatrical PSA [John Wayne appears on camera, presumably on the set of Trouble Along the Way, and promotes the benefits of giving to the Red Cross.]

~NEWSREELS~

British Pathe News – 1959: Gigi Wins 9 Oscars (31st Academy Awards)

GOP National Convention – 1968, John Wayne Speaking

Movietone News – 1958: 30th Annual Academy Awards

Movietone News – 1959: 31st Academy Awards

Movietone News – 1969: 41st Academy Awards

Movietone News – 1958: Barbarian & Geisha Rates Critical Raves as a Pictorial Joy

Movietone News – 1958: Barbarian's Geisha Here for Premiere of Adventure Epic

Movietone News – 1961: Claude King & Tillman Franks Receive Awards for Comancheros

Movietone News – 1960: North to Alaska Premiere Besieged By B'Way Throngs

Paramount Newsreel – 1953: 25th Annual Academy Awards, John Wayne accepts for Gary Cooper

Ronald Reagan Campaign Rally – 1964 with Barry Goldwater, Ronald Reagan & John Wayne

Universal Newsreel – 1958: '58 Oscars Movieland's Big Night (30th Academy Awards)

Universal Newsreel – 1967: Acapulco Party (Lynda Bird Johnson and actor-boyfriend George Hamilton are among the guests at a festive dinner party in Acapulco. They refuse comment on speculation about any future wedding. Other celebrities present include John Wayne, Dolores del Rio, and Merle Oberon.)

Universal Newsreel – 1947: The Friendship Train

Universal Newsreel – 1967: War Wagon Dual City Premiere

Warner Pathe Newsreel – 1955: Air Force Recruiters Honor John Wayne

Warner Pathe Newsreel – 1955: American Legion Poppy Drive

Warner Pathe Newsreel – 1956: American Legion Poppy Drive

Warner Pathe Newsreel – 1955: Crusade For Freedom

Warner Pathe Newsreel – 1954: Gala Premiere for High and Mighty

Warner Pathe Newsreel – 1953: Island in the Sky Premiere Hails Air Force

Warner Pathe Newsreel – c.1950's: John Wayne Named Favorite Star Premiere

Warner Pathe Newsreel – c.1950's: John Wayne Receives Henrietta Award

Warner Pathe Newsreel – 1953: John Wayne Receives Most Popular Actor Award

Warner Pathe Newsreel – 1954: John Wayne Receives Ladies Home Journal Award

Warner Pathe Newsreel – c.1950's: Monty Visits Hollywood

Warner Pathe Newsreel – 1956: Searchers Premiere

Warner Pathe Newsreel – c.1952: Select Miss Stereo

Unknown Newsreel Footage – c.1950's: shows John Wayne at a charity golf tournament

Unknown Newsreel Footage – c.1955: Queen Elizabeth meets film celebrities including John Wayne

Unknown Newsreel Footage – c.1960: Academy Awards, features show and post show interviews including John Wayne

Unknown Newsreel Footage – c.1960: World Premiere of The Alamo at the Lawn Theater in Texas.

Unknown Newsreel Footage – c.1960: World Premiere of The Alamo San Antonio

Unknown Newsreel Footage – c.1960: World Premiere of The Alamo at the Carthay Circle Theater

Unknown Newsreel Footage – Year Unknown: The 1st GEORGES Awards

~MAKING OF FEATURETTES~

Brannigan: John Wayne in London – The Making of Brannigan (1975)

Breaking of Boys, The & The Making of Men: The Cowboys (1972)

Greatest Dream on Earth, The – Circus World (1964)

Greatest Story Ever Told (Making of) (1965)

The Making of Hellfighters (1968)

The Making of The High and the Mighty (2006)

The Making of Hondo (2006)

The Making of How The West Was Won (1998)

The Making of In Harm's Way (1965)

The Making of Island in the Sky (2006)

John Wayne and Chisum (1970)

Making of The Big Trail (2008)

Man Behind The Star: The Making of Cahill – U.S. Marshall (1973)

The Making of McLintock! (with Michael Wayne & Andrew McLaglen) (2006)

The Making of McLintock! (with Maureen O'Hara) (1963)

McQ: John Wayne in Action (1974)

Movie Makers, The Making of The Green Beret (1968)

Plimpton! Shoot-Out at Rio Lobo 9 Dec 1970 (Television special on the making of Rio Lobo) (1970)

The Making of The Quiet Man, with host Leonard Maltin (1992)

The Making of Rio Grande (1999)

The Making of Sands of Iwo Jima with host Leonard Maltin (1999)

War Wagon – Anatomy of Action (1967)