

## Short Review: “Species” (1995) by Dr. John L. Flynn



**Species** (1995), MGM, color, 108 min. Director: Roger Donaldson. Writer: Dennis Feldman. Producers: Dennis Feldman and Frank Mancuso, Jr. Cast: Ben Kingsley, Michael Madsen, Alfred Molina, Marg Helgenberger and Natasha Henstridge.

The Search for ET Intelligence Project gets a transmission from beyond the stars on how to structure alien DNA and splice it to human DNA. How could the attractive Dr. Baker (Helgenberger) resist doing that? The result is the beautiful but deadly Sil (Henstridge). Sil hears her mating call, gets naked (often!), and mates with as many guys as she can handle in an R-rated film. The Preying Mantis of Cincinnati would be proud! Earth’s only savior Xavier Fitch (Kingsley) recruits a cadre led by Preston Lennox (Madsen), reminiscent of Schwarzenegger’s commandos from “Predator,” and sets out to stop her before she can score more victims. It’s good sexy fun, though a little tough on the guys who inhabit singles’ bars. Henstridge is an eyeful of deadly curves and charm, especially when she breaks out of her prison and sheds those prison duds.

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