

Lining up for lunch

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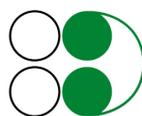
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Spain with its rock formations, steep canyons and vast pasture lands, represents an ideal habitat for vultures. It was here that we filmed the griffon vultures during their reconnaissance flights and as they attacked a carcass and began their tumultuous ceremony to establish the order of precedence for dinner. The ritual decides who is the hungriest and therefore has the right to eat first. In our wanderings, we met the rare Cinereous vulture and observed it feeding its young and exchanging tender gestures with its mate. The documentary closes with an experiment: a large ostrich egg made of plaster of Paris and filled with giblets is used as bait for the Egyptian vulture. The bird arrives on the scene and immediately looks for a large stone. The vulture throws it repeatedly against the egg until the shell breaks open. This type of behavior has caused this species to be called the "intelligent vulture".



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