



# Aliens of the outskirts

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**Produced by:** SD Cinematografica

**Duration:** 30'

**Versions:**    

**Format:** 16 mm

In a stream on the outskirts of Florence, we met a creature that looked like it came from another planet. As elegant as a medieval warrior, the river of fresh water crab has a long history behind it. It slowly moved inland from the sea thousands of years ago and, after many adventures, created a home for itself in fresh water streams. Very little is known about this animal and, unfortunately, there is a danger it might disappear from the face of the earth before we really get to know much about it.

The impact of the city on the surrounding environment often threatens the survival of many animals by confining them to small areas where they are besieged on all sides.

More than 3000 cormorants pass their winters in ponds around Cagliari in Sardinia. Every morning these winged vacationers leave Molentargius, where they spend the night perched on high tension pylons, and travel to Santa Gilla, an industrial zone where the pond is teeming with fish.

This tiny body of water lies in a humid area containing some of the richest bird life in Europe. Unfortunately, it is a seriously polluted with toxic wastes and threatened by the approach of building construction. The pond is also suffering from neglect and indifference on the part of people incapable of comprehending its beauty and natural wealth.

