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## Planet Sparrow

### Planet der Spatzen

A sparrow in the Souk in Cairo: bushy and tousled, he flits between crowded stalls to build his nest and attract a mate. He's one of five heroes of «Planet Sparrow» whose adventures cover the world, from Cairo to Beijing, New York, Moscow, Vienna and Paris. Small and grey-brown, sparrows may seem dull, but this first impression is deceptive; They're extremely clever. The camera pursues these artists of flight through narrow alleys, revealing their spectacular aerial manoeuvres. In New York, orphaned sparrow chicks are adopted by new sparrow parents. Sparrows play Russian roulette in Moscow, flying beneath the cars on the busiest roads to save winter energy. In Beijing they're captured and then released to bring good luck. In Paris, centuries of living with humans have taught them to form teams that steal and share the food of café diners. «Planet Sparrow» is a documentary about these flying survival artists, their neighbours and adversaries, all photographed from the perspective of the birds!



**Awards:** Cannes Corporate Media & TV Awards 2014: White Dolphin (Grand Prix)

**Year:** 2013

**Run-Time:** 1 x 52 min.

**Directed by** Kurt Mayer

**Written by** Judith Doppler and Kurt Mayer

**A co-production by ORF, kurt mayer film, ARTE and NDR Naturfilm in association with Austrian Television Fund, Vienna Film Fund and bm:ukk**

Available worldwide except for Germany and France

**Languages:** German (ORIGINAL) , English (VOICE-OVER) , French (VOICE-OVER) , German (SUB TITLE)

**Format:** 16:9

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