

off the fence.

Code Breaker, The (NHU) (Series 1)

3x60'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Episode 001

In this episode Nicola and Craig visit Mana Pools National park and Thetford estate where they get close to an inquisitive elephant that Craig has known for many years. They observe closely as it feeds on fallen tree pods, this is Nicola's first close encounter. They come across a herd of buffalo and Craig gets them in closer explaining their different behaviors and why they do it. A lioness stalks and takes down an impala while Nicola and Craig watch in awe. Craig gets close to an elephant to explain some details about the elephant but gets more than he bargains for as the elephant charges him sending camera crew over the edge of a riverbank. They observe the body language of lions stalking warthogs and witness the visual cues as lions defend a zebra carcass from vultures. Craig and Nicola fly to Thetford estate where they watch the behavior of white rhino from the safety of a tree, as the rhino's fight over territory.

2. Episode 002

In this episode Nicola and Craig explore Victoria Falls and Hwange National park. The two meet vervet monkeys in the Victoria Falls rain forest and learn the basics of monkey language. Nicola learns about baboon behavior with newborns. They draw close to a lion feeding on a dead zebra but one of the females shows her visible annoyance at the intrusion. Craig and Nicola observe the interesting signs of typical warthog pecking orders. Craig gets Nicola close to 3 black rhino but the situation turns into an intense encounter as the rhino charge them. Craig and Nicola fly to Hwange National Park where they witness territorial fights between zebra and note the intricate make up of elephant herds. A dying baby elephant leads to the mother attacking Craig and Nicola as they take cover behind a fallen tree.

3. Episode 003

In this episode Craig and Nicola witness a pride of lion feeding on a rotten hippo carcass while displaying visual cues of defense. The two observe the defensive behavior of elephants toward a pride of lion. One of the episode highlights is watching a large elephant bull reach up on his back legs to pull down nutritious branches. Herds of impala show off their fitness cues to would be predators and a herd of buffalo show their flight or fight distances. Ultimately Craig flies Nicola to Thetford estate where they observe Sable antelope fighting for their rankings in a bachelor herd.