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# WILD COLOGNE

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**Cologne's motto, "Cosmopolitan city on the Rhine", is equally applicable for plants and animals. Many animals have learnt to ignore people and have established themselves in this man-made world.**

The habitats in Cologne are particularly attractive to species from distant countries that crave warmth. At the edge of the thunderous traffic, swans and Egyptian geese shriek over territories, whilst in front of picturesque suburban houses squirrels fight with parrots for the ownership of holes in trees. For foxes and buzzards the parks and cemeteries are rich hunting grounds and a veritable source of food. In the richly textured city, both plants and animals have found food, protection and, above all in the winter, a pleasant environment with warmer temperatures.

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