

Review of various National Geographic Films

Portrait of a Whale NGS 1977 12 min (elem)

sense of grandeur right away

narration and visuals very well integrated - like a guided tour of a whale's physiognomy

a lot is filmed in slow motion for a better view

nice stuff on care of newborn

wonderful bit on sailing, snoring and sunburn

one of the richest descriptions of what it's like to be a whale

Watching Animals NGS 1978 12 min (elem)

shows animal behaviour, not so much in the wild, but in context of scientific investigation - with a little more care this would have been real good to teach scientific method

some wonderful footage

woodpecker (newborn)

kangaroos (boxing)

sea otters (eating on back, stomach used as table, use of tools)

baboon troop (response to stuffed leopard)