

Some flamingo pairs actually steal eggs from other couples.

That’s right! Today we’re talking about flamingoes. You’ve probably seen them preening at your local zoo, but did you know what intrigue-filled lives our pink-plumed pals lead in captivity?

**Flamingo Monogamy**

You may have already suspected that flamingoes are very social, preferring to hang around and nest in large groups. Still, within the group, flamingoes form pairs that feed and protect each other. These pairs are usually monogamous and sometimes stay together through several breeding seasons.

While the majority of these couplings are between males and females, some flamingoes prefer to mate with partners of the same sex.

**Crop Milk**

If they manage to lay or acquire eggs, some same-sex flamingoes turn to parenting. If they don’t, they abandon the nest.

Regardless of the sex of the flamingo pair, the partners take turns incubating the eggs, and then, when the eggs hatch, they take turns nursing the offspring with crop milk, a blood-red liquid.

一些火烈鸟对实际上偷走了其他夫妇的蛋。

那就对了！今天我们谈论的是火烈鸟。你可能已经看到他们在你当地的动物园里玩弄了，但是你知道我们的粉红色的朋友们在圈养中吸引了多少阴谋吗？

### 火烈鸟一夫一妻制

你可能已经怀疑火烈鸟是非常社交的，喜欢在大群体里闲逛和筑巢。然而，在群体中，火烈鸟形成了互相喂食和保护的对。这些对通常是一夫一妻制的，有时通过几个繁殖季节保持在一起。

虽然这些偶联中的大部分是雄性和雌性之间，但一些火烈鸟喜欢与同性伴侣交配。

### 农作物牛奶

如果他们设法产卵或获得鸡蛋，一些同性火烈鸟会转向养育子女。如果他们不这样做，他们会放弃巢穴。

无论火烈鸟对的性别如何，伙伴轮流孵化卵子，然后，当卵孵化时，他们轮流用作物牛奶（一种血红色液体）照顾后代。