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The social symphony of the Arabian babblers

Game theory deciphering behavioral ecology mysteries



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Does sentinel presence improve foraging?

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[Ethology](#) 125 (2), 98-105, 2019

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