

HOODED VULTURE

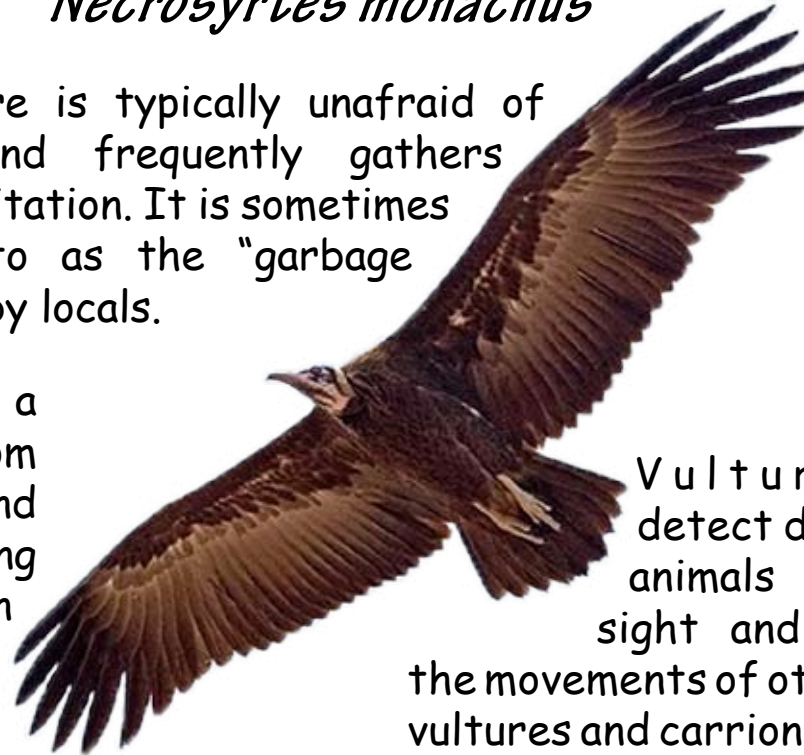
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Necrosyrtes monachus

This vulture is typically unafraid of humans, and frequently gathers around habitation. It is sometimes referred to as the "garbage collector" by locals.

Like other vultures it is a scavenger, feeding mostly from carcasses of dead animals and waste which it finds by soaring over savannah and around human habitation, including waste tips and abattoirs.



Vultures detect dead animals by sight and by the movements of other vultures and carrion eating birds. They sometimes gorge so heavily that they can scarcely fly.

In spite of their apparently "unappetizing" manner of feeding, all vultures are quite clean birds and bathe frequently.

FACTS & FIGURES

Where found	Africa, South of the Sahara
Habitat	Mainly forested regions
Diet	Decaying flesh (carrion)
Average wingspan	200-215cm
Average weight	2kg
Number of eggs	1
Incubation	44-48 days
Lifespan	20-25 years



Hooded vultures are predominantly silent birds and mated pairs are devoted to each other, roosting together outside the breeding season. They will usually roost close to their preferred breeding site.

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