

RUEPPELL'S GRIFFON VULTURE

Gyps rueppellii

DISTRIBUTION



Rueppell's Vultures leave the roost and using their exceptionally keen eyesight begin to patrol over the plains, to find large animal carcasses. If carnivores have made a recent kill they will wait, several days if necessary, until the carnivore leaves the carcass.

RECORD BREAKERS!!!

Using thermal currents, Rueppell's can reach great heights, 20,000 ft (6,000 m) is not uncommon, and on one exceptional occasion, a commercial aircraft collided with a Rueppell's Vulture at the astonishing altitude of 37,000 ft (11,300 m) - the current record for avian height.



FACTS & FIGURES

Where found	Central Africa
Habitat	Arid, mountainous areas
Diet	Carrion (dead animals)
Average Wing span	2.6 metres
Average weight	6-9kg
Number of eggs	1-2
Incubation	55 days
Lifespan	Up to 30 years in captivity

Vultures normally only take to the air to look for food. They have been known to attack live prey, although this is very rare.

UPGRADED 2012

(Previously Near Threatened)

International Union for Conservation of Nature
RED LIST for the Rueppell's Griffon Vulture



THE RISK OF EXTINCTION FOR THIS SPECIES HAS CURRENTLY BEEN ASSESSED AS **NEAR ENDANGERED** IUCN RED LIST