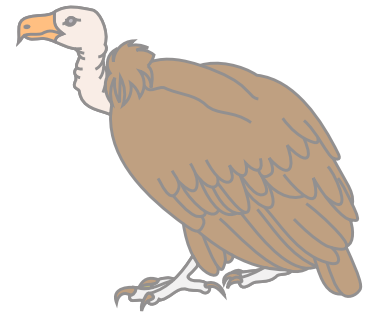


RÜPPELL'S GRIFFON VULTURE

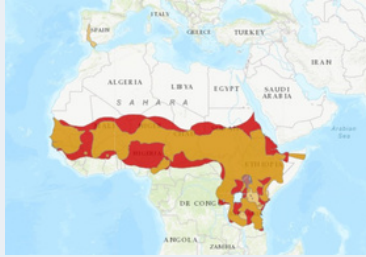
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Vulture Culture

Range

Found across the Sahel region of Africa, from Gambia, Senegal and Mali in the west to Sudan and Ethiopia in the east.



Habitat

Grasslands, mountains and woodlands

Diet

Carrion. Specialised to eat the soft parts, hide and bones from dead animals. Backward pointing spikes on the tongue help to strip meat from bones.

Breeding

Pairs form a monogamous bond for life, and build a nest of sticks, leaves and grass on cliffs. Breeding season varies throughout its range. A single egg takes 55 days to incubate, followed by about 150 days of feeding before fledging. Young are dependent on parents once fledged and don't gain independence until the following breeding season.

Did you know?

In 1973, a Rüppell's Griffon Vulture was recorded flying at an altitude of 11,300m. We know this, because it hit an airplane and the remains were found in the engine when it made an emergency landing!

