



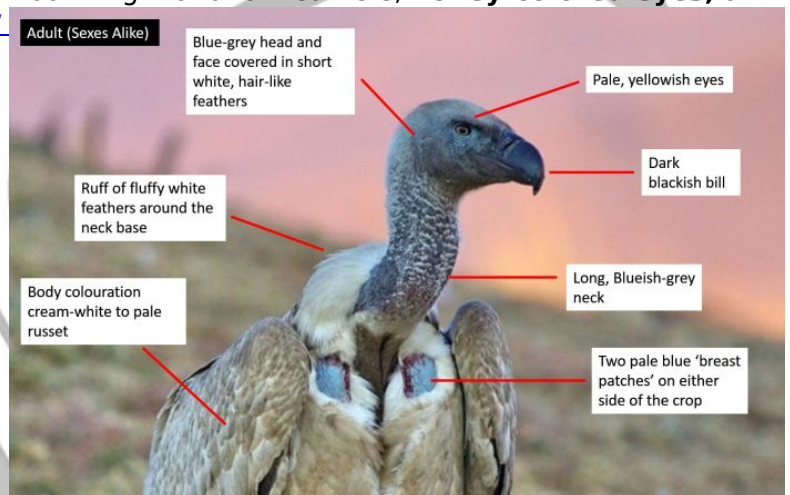
Cape Vultures Spotted in South Africa

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After 30 years, the **Cape Vulture** (*Gyps coprotheres*) has been sighted in South Africa's Eastern Cape province near Mountain Zebra National Park.

- **About Cape Vulture:** It is **exclusive to Southern Africa** and found in **South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, and Mozambique**.

- It has **creamy-buff plumage** with dark flight and tail feathers, **honey-colored eyes**, a **bluish throat**, and a black bill. [//](#)



- It feeds only on **carrion**, **lives in groups**, and is monogamous i.e., **raising one chick per season**.
- It is listed as **vulnerable** in the [IUCN](#) Red list.
- **Only three species are exclusive to Africa** i.e., White-headed Vulture, Hooded Vulture, and Cape Vulture.

- **Global Vulture Distribution: 23 species** are found worldwide, divided into:
 - **Old World vultures (16 species, found in Africa, Europe, Asia)**
 - **New World vultures (7 species, found in the Americas and Caribbean).**

Himalayan Griffon

Vulture



Scientific Name: Gyps Himalayensis

Family Accipitridae which also includes



Eagles



Kites




Buzzards



Hawks

It has a typical bald white head, very broad wings, and short tail feathers.

It has a white neck ruff and yellow bill, and the whitish body with dark brown greater covert feathers.

- Threatened
- EX — Extinct
 - EW — Extinct in the wild
 - CR — Critically Endangered
 - EN — Endangered
 - VU — Vulnerable
 - NT — **Near threatened**
 - LC — Least concern
 - DD — Data Deficient
 - NE — Not Evaluated
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Distribution Range:
An Old-World vulture

They are found in the higher regions of the **Himalayas, Central Asian mountains** and the Tibetan plateau at an elevation range of 1,200 – 5,500 metres.



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