



Egyptian Vulture (*Neophron percnopterus*)

Size: Head to tail length, 54 - 70 cm; wingspan, 145 - 175 cm **Weight:** 1.6 - 2.4 kg

Habitat: Arid regions, such as steppes, desert, scrub, pastures and cereal fields **Surviving number:** Estimated at 20,000 - 60,000



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Rock star. The Egyptian vulture is famed for the ingenious way it cracks open tough ostrich eggs: by launching rocks at them. Eggs are just one of the many items on the menu for this opportunistic scavenger and occasional predator. It can spot a potential meal from a kilometer away, and will even eat scraps rejected by other scavengers. But it can't stomach poisoning,

poaching, human persecution and electrocution on non-insulated power lines, all of which are decimating populations of this rare tool-using bird.

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