

# Species Fact Sheets

**Order:** Accipitriformes  
**Scientific Name:** *Gyps rueppellii*

**Family:** Accipitridae  
**Common Name:** Ruppell's vulture

**AZA Management:**  Green  Yellow  Red  None

**Photo (Male):**



**Photo (Female):**



## NATURAL HISTORY:

**Geographic Range:** Europe  Asia  North America  Neotropical   
 Africa  Australia  Other  [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Habitat:** Forest  Desert  Grassland  Coastal   
 Riverine  Montane  Other  [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Circadian Cycle:** Diurnal  Crepuscular  Nocturnal  Other  [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Cold Tolerance:** To 70° F  To 60° F  To 50° F  To 40° F   
 To 30° F  To 20° F  Other  [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Heat Tolerance:** To 30° F  To 50° F  To 70° F  To 90° F   
 To 110° F  Other  [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Diet:** Frugivore  Carnivore  Piscivore  Insectivore   
 Nectivore  Omnivore  Folivore  Other (Add Below)

### Captive Dietary Needs:

Whole prey items such as rats, rabbits, guinea pigs, feline diet, chunk meat and meat on the bone.

**Life Expectancy in the Wild:** Males: 25-30 years Females: 25-30 years

**Life Expectancy in Captivity:** Males: 35-40 years Females: 35-40 years

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## BREEDING INFORMATION:

**Age at Sexual Maturity:** Males: 5-6 years Females: 5-6 years

**Courtship Displays:** No courtship displays seen in managed populations. The female will collect sticks and the male will arrange the sticks to form the nest. Pair bonded birds will spend a good amount of time near each other around the nest site.

**Nest Site Description:** They will initially build a nest on rock ledges, nest can be used repeatedly for several years growing in size each year. They will readily build nest on raised platforms within a managed population.

**Clutch Size, Egg Description:** One

**Incubation Period:** 55 days

**Fledgling Period:** 150 Days

**Parental Care:** Both parents will care of the chick

**Chick Development:** Chick reliant on parents. Chicks are altricial with a relatively slow development stage.

## CAPTIVE HABITAT INFORMATION:

**Social Structure in the Wild:** Highly social, gathering in large flocks at feeding sites and breeding location

**Social Structure in Captivity:** Highly social, when possible house in larger flocks.

**Minimum Group Size:** 2

**Maximum Group Size:** 1000s

**Compatible in Mixed Species Exhibits:** Yes **Comments:** Very popular mixed species option due to the fact that they can be housed with hoofstock of varying sizes

**Optimal Habitat Size:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Management Challenges:** Ruppell's tend to breed more consistently in larger flocks. Due to breeding seasonality facilities in the northern part of the country may have challenges breeding unless they have appropriate indoor holding space.

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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