

VULTURES

Misunderstood Animals: #5

Animal Type:

- ☐ Amphibian
- ☒ Bird
- ☐ Fish
- ☐ Invertebrate
- ☐ Mammal
- ☐ Reptile

Diet:

- ☒ Carnivore
- ☒ Scavenger
- ☒ Omnivore
- ☐ Frugivore
- ☐ Herbivore
- ☐ Insectivore

Habitat:

- ☒ Desert
- ☒ Grassland
- ☒ Forest
- ☐ Arctic
- ☒ Mountains
- ☒ Savannas

Basic stats:

Number of species: 23, including condors
 Largest: Andean condor
 Smallest: Egyptian vulture
 Lifespan: 10-50 years
 Group Name: Wake, kettle and committee
 Conservation Status: 9 critically endangered, 3 endangered, 4 threatened, 7 good

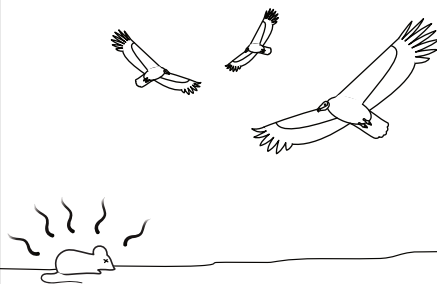
FACT OR FICTION?

The Bearded Vulture has a diet of 70-90 percent bone



FACT

New world vultures can smell a dead animal from miles away



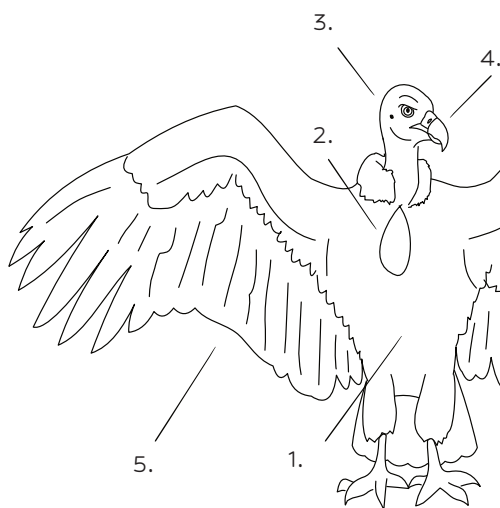
FACT

Vultures are found on every continent



FICTION

Match each feature with its corresponding function:



1 Strong stomach acid

2 Large crop

3 Bare skin on head

4 Strong, hooked beak

5 Large wingspan

Adapted for tearing through tough skin and flesh to access meat

Can neutralize pathogens like anthrax found in rotting meat

Bare skin prevents bacteria and parasites from getting stuck in feathers and may also help them regulate temperature and keep cool

Pouch in the throat that allows them to store large amounts of food, enabling them to survive long periods between meals

Allows for efficient soaring and gliding, enabling them to cover vast distances while searching for food

Favorite Vulture Fact: