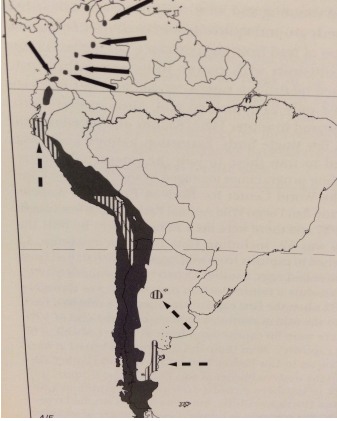


Andean Condor

Vultur gryphus



Range: Andes

Size: :100- 122cm(39-48in)

:80- 98cm (31-39in)

Weight : : 11-15kg (22-33 lbs)

:7.5-11kg (16.5-22 lbs)

Wing: : 274-310cm (107-122 in)

: 219-248 cm (86- 97 in)

Habitat: Mountains with canyons

Incubation: 54-58 days

Eggs: 1-3 usually 1

Fledge: 24 weeks

Sexual maturity: 60 months

Nest: On cliff ledge

Social: gregarious

Breeding: monogamous

Movement :generally sedentary

Food: carrion

IUCN: Near Threatened

Order:Accipitriformes Family:Cathartidae

The largest raptor in the world the Andean condor is also one of the largest flying bird. It has a wingspan of over ten feet.

Like other New World Vultures, the Andean Condor has the unusual habit of urohidrosis: it often empties its cloaca onto its legs and feet. A cooling effect through evaporation has been proposed as a reason for this behavior, but it

makes no sense in the cold Andean habitat of the bird. Because of this habit, their legs are often streaked with a white buildup of uric acid.