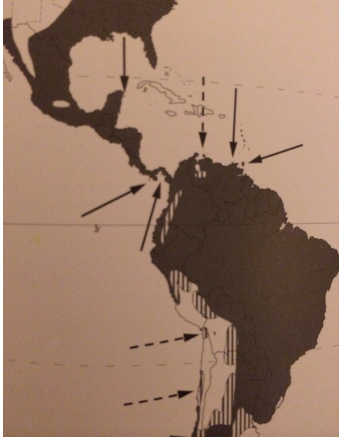


Black Vulture

Corapygus atratus



Range: Southern US to South America

Size: ♂:56-74 cm(22-29 in)

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Weight :♂:1.6-2.75 kg (2.7--4.3 lbs)

♀ :1.2-1.9kg (2.7-4.3 lbs)

Wing: 133-167 cm (57- 66 in)

Habitat: open country, urban

Incubation: 32-45days

Eggs: 1-3 usually 2

Fledge: 10-14 weeks

Sexual maturity: 36-48 months

Nest: Scrape

Social: gregarious

Breeding: monogamous

Movement :generally sedentary

Food: carrion

IUCN: least concern

Subspecies : Monotypic

Longevity: captive: 30yrs Wild:18 yrs

Order:Accipitriformes **Family:**Cathartidae

The most numerous of the New World vultures the black vultures can be found in most open spaces within its range. A highly gregarious species it can usually be observed roosting and feeding in large flocks.

Black vultures have keen eyesight but lack the marvelous sense of smell that its close relative the turkey vulture possesses. Since the two are sympatric, share the same geographic area, over much of their range the black vulture will often follow a turkey vulture to a carcass. Although smaller than the turkey vulture the black vulture will usually travel in larger groups and are able to chase off the turkey vulture. In urban areas the black vulture can often be seen feeding on garbage and are a frequent visitor of garbage dumps.