

# African Crowned Eagle

## *Stephanoaetus coronatus*



Range: North America  
Size: ♂: 60.8-72.2 cm (24-29 in)  
♀: 80-95 cm (31.5-37 in)  
Wingspan: 151-181 cm  
(59.4-72.3 in)  
Weight: ♂- 2.7- 4.1 kg (6-9 lb)  
♀- 3.18-4.7 kg (7-10.4 lb)  
Diet: Small antelopes, Hyrax,  
Primates, monitors  
Habitat: Forest  
Eggs: 1-2  
Incubation : 48-51 days  
Fledging: 90-125 days  
Sexual maturity: 4-5 yrs  
Social: solitary  
Movement: Sedentary  
Breeding: singly in air  
Subspecies: Monotypic  
Longevity: Captivity: 27 yrs  
Wild: N/A  
IUCN: Near Threatened

### Order: Accipitriformes Family: Accipitridae

The African is considered the most powerful bird of prey on Earth by some authorities. This is due not due to its size but rather the size of its prey. This species commonly takes small antelopes weighing as much as 20 kg. Hunting is usually done from a perch swooping down onto prey. Mammals make up the majority of prey. Larger prey like Dinkers are ripped to pieces and cached in trees to be eaten over a few days. African crowned eagles have been observed carrying prey over twice their weight.

This large bird is unmistakable in its home range. Only the Martial Eagle (*Polemaetus bellicosus*) is larger on the African continent. The sexes have similar plumage with females being about 25% larger. This is a monotypic species and there is no variation throughout its range.

Considered Near Threatened by the IUCN the African crowned eagles population is threatened by deforestation and hunting. Although this raptor has a large range it's population is decreasing.