

Animal Fact Sheet

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California Condor

Gymnogyps californianus

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Quick facts

Classification: Bird**Family:** Cathartidae**Habitat:** Rocky shrubland, coniferous forests, and mountainous regions**Diet:** Carnivore (Scavenger)**Conservation status:** Critically Endangered**Lifespan:** 40-60 years**Weight:** 8-14 kg (17-31 lbs)**Scientific name:** *Gymnogyps californianus*

Did you know?

- Every wild California Condor alive today is descended from just 27 individuals that were captured in the 1980s for a last-ditch captive breeding prog...
- In 1987 only twenty-two California condors remained, and every one was taken into captivity to save the species. Chicks are raised with condor-shaped...

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