

Marked Griffon vulture (*Gyps fulvus*) rescued and released to the wild in Eastern Morocco

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The 3rd of November 2007, a juvenile Eurasian griffon vulture (*Gyps fulvus*) was found starved in eastern Morocco by locals. It was then rescued by the Emirates Center for Wildlife Propagation, a research and conservation project based in Missouri. After 6 months being fed in captivity in the centre, the bird was released the 24th of April 2008, 20 km from the place it has been found.

To evaluate the success of the vulture rehabilitation to the wild and to study its movements following the release, the bird was fitted with a solar-powered GPS satellite transmitter (GPS PTT-100, 45 grams, Microwave Telemetry Inc., Columbia, MD, USA) harnessed on

a Teflon ribbon backpack. In addition, two conventional types of tags were used: (1) a metal ring fitted on the left leg and labelled “MINIST. AGRICULT. ICONA-MADRID-SPAIN 1106451”, and (2) two black patagial tags, one on each wing, both white labelled “M00”.

Authors will be grateful to receive any observation records to complete satellite tracking data to improve our survey. Useful additional information would be: locality, geographic coordinates, behaviour, group size, habitat, weather, etc.



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