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Scientific name: **Gypaetus barbatus** (bearded vulture).

This bird is 94–125 cm long, with a wingspan of 2.31–2.83 m. It weighs 4.5–7.8 kg. Its life expectancy is 20 years (more than 40 in captivity).

- **Habitat:** present in mountainous zones, preferably those where there are open spaces and areas with steep walls: Pyrenees, Alps, Himalayas and Atlas.
- **Feathers:** 4 stages. When adults, orange head and neck. Black back. Thin black collar with chest, belly, and trousers of uniform appearance, normally orange (depending on the mud baths).
- **Nutrition:** scavenger bird, which specialises in feeding on bones.
- **Reproduction:** pre-laying (Sep-Nov), incubation (Dec-Feb), breeding (Mar-Aug), emancipation of chicks (Jan). The average incubation period after laying is 53 days.
- **Juvenile dispersion:** Pyrenees, Picos de Europa, Sistema Ibérico etc. Pre-adult birds tend to concentrate on the southern Pyrenees (January-April).
- **Threats:** poisoning and electrical lines, loss of habitat, reduction of food and human disturbance.



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