

Fun Facts About California Condors!

- It has the largest wingspan of any North American bird; 9.8ft wide.
- Their wingspan makes flight very easy and they can soar for up to 160 miles in search of food.
- It's lifespan is up to 60 years, and the females only lay one egg every other year.
- They don't have a voice box so they can only hiss or grunt (no cawing).
- The California Condor is very important to many Native American groups.
- By eating carrion (dead animals), they help clean up the environment.
- They don't have a good sense of smell so they follow other scavengers to find carrion.
- If they survive to adulthood they have few natural threats other than humans.
- Lead poisoning, habitat destruction, poaching, pesticides, egg collecting, and power lines threaten California Condors.
- The California Condor is critically endangered. In 1987 there were only 27 left but now the number has risen to 518.