

About flying ...

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My best memory was when we were looking at birds. We saw a lot of griffon vultures. We were lucky enough to see an Egyptian vulture **on the very first day** it was back from Africa this year. **We also saw** a bearded vulture. This species was hunted because people thought they were sent by the devil. The griffon vulture is a large raptor of almost 2.5 meters of wingspan and has a long featherless neck allowing it to plunge its beak into the carrion on which it feeds without soaking its feathers of blood, which would weigh them down considerably and it would prevent him from flying. Its feathers are brown and black.



The Egyptian vulture has a yellow beak and white and grey feathers. It feeds on carcasses like griffon vultures but can also break ostrich eggs using stones, it is a perfect example of the use of a tool by an animal.



The bearded vulture also feeds on carcasses of dead animals, but its peculiarity is to take bones from its talons and dropping them several tens of meters high in order to eat the pieces afterwards, because indeed it feeds on bones ! It is easily recognizable by its black white and orange chest, as well as its beard. This peculiarity gave its name.



Seeing these wonderful birds of prey flying, which, without flapping their wings, move majestically with the help of drafts, don't you think that it would be great to fly with our own wings ?