

There are 23 species of vultures found in world out of which 9 species are found in India and 7 are found in Madhya Pradesh.

The species of residential vultures found in Madhya Pradesh are:

1- Indian Vulture/Long Billed Vulture



Name	Indian Vulture/Long Billed Vulture
Scientific Name	<i>Gyps indicus</i>
Body length	80-95 cm
IUCN status	Critically Endangered
Specific characteristic	Known for flying long distance and at very high altitude

2- Egyptian Vulture/ Scavenger Vulture-



Name	Egyptian Vulture
Scientific Name	<i>Neophron percropterus</i>
Body length	55-65cm
IUCN status	Endangered .
Specific characteristic	They also feed on small animals and egg of other birds, breaking them by tossing a large pebble onto them. (They use pebble as a hammer)

3 - White rumped Vulture/ White- backed Vulture/Oriental White backed Vulture-



Name	White rumped Vulture/ White- backed Vulture
Scientific Name	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>
Bodylength	75- 85 cm
IUCN status	Critically Endangered
Specific characteristic	Smallest one among all Gyps Species

4- King Vulture/Red headed Vulture

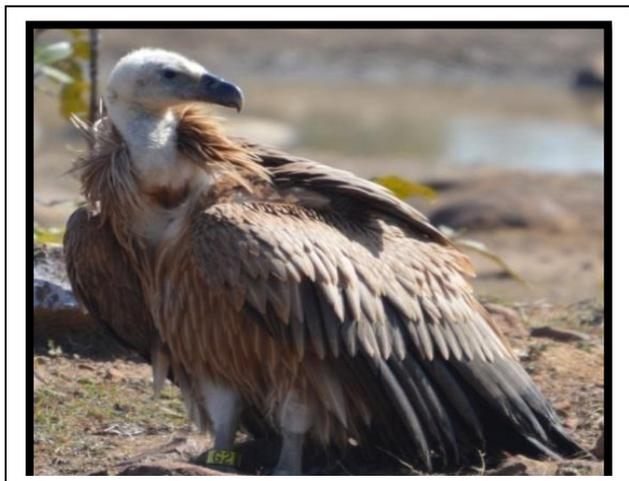


Name	King Vulture/Red headed Vulture
Scientific Name	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>
Body length	80-85cm
IUCN status	Critically Endangered
Specific characteristic	Incubation of eggs is carried out by female in night and by male in day

Madhya Pradesh Migratory Vulture –

There are three major species of Migratory Vultures seen in Madhya Pradesh .

5- Eurasian Griffon



Name	Eurasian Griffon
Scientific Name	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>
Bodylength	95-105cm
IUCN status	Least Concern
Specific characteristic	Create growling sound at the time of eating carcass

6- Himalayan Griffon



Name	Himalayan Griffon/Himalayan Vulture
Scientific Name	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>
Bodylength	115-125 cm
IUCN status	Near Threatened
Specific characteristic	It is one of the largest and heaviest bird found in the Himalayas

7- Cinereous Vulture



Name	Cinereous Vulture
Scientific Name	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>
Bodylength	100- 110 cm
IUCN status	Near Threatened
Specific characteristic	Heaviest and largest among all raptors