



Common Name

Turkey Vulture

MALE

Scientific Name
Cathartes aura

Hatch Date
May 2020

“Bones”

“I’m shy just now, but just you wait”

Conservation Status
COMMON

DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

Body feathers are mostly brownish-black, but the flight feathers on the wings appear to be silvery-grey beneath, contrasting with the darker wing linings. The head is small in proportion to its body and is red in colour with few to no feathers. It also has a relatively short, hooked, ivory-coloured beak. Eyes have a single incomplete row of eyelashes on the upper lid and two rows on the lower lid

HABITAT & LOCATION

Widespread from Southern Canada to Cape Horn. Prefers open areas adjacent to woodland for nesting, avoids dense forest.

NATURAL DIET

Feeds mainly on carrion, incapable of killing prey. It has an acute sense of smell.

WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

Weight : 5lb, (2300 g). **Height** : 27”, (68 cm).

Wingspan : 69”, (175 cm).

