

White-Rumped Vulture

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White-Rumped Vulture Latest News

Recently, a captive-bred, radio-tagged white-rumped vulture (*Gyps bengalensis*), that was released in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) earlier this year was electrocuted to death.

About White-Rumped Vulture

- It is a small **Old World vulture** native to **South and Southeast Asia**.
- **Other Names:** It is also known as **Indian White-backed Vulture** or **Oriental White-backed Vulture**.
- **Habitat**
 - Found **mostly in plains** and less frequently in hilly regions.
 - It can also be seen in villages and cities near to cultivation.
- **Distribution:** Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar (Burma), Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and southern Vietnam.
- **Appearance**
 - It has an **unfeathered head and neck**, very broad wings, and short tail feathers.

- The sexes are approximately **equal in size**.
- Adults are darker than juveniles, with blackish plumage, a white neck-ruff, and a white patch of feathers on the lower back and upper tail.
- **Diet:** Like other vultures, it feeds mostly on carcasses.
- **Conservation Status**
 - **IUCN:** Critically Endangered
 - **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972:** Schedule 1

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