



Saplings Colouring Package #45

*International Vulture Awareness Day
September 1*







Did You Know?

Ten Fun Facts About Vultures

1. Vultures play a vital role in environmental cleanup, especially on our roadways where they are commonly seen.
2. Vultures are able to consume carcasses infected with deadly pathogens such as botulism and salmonella without getting sick.
3. Vultures use warm air currents called thermals to soar high in the sky for hours without even flapping their wings.
4. Some vultures, like the turkey vultures, have an incredible sense of smell and can find hidden food under trees.
5. In the mornings, vultures spread their giant wings wide to soak up the sun, which warms them up and cleans their feathers.
6. Vultures break carcasses down to their bones, quickly recycling nutrients back into the environment.
7. Vultures control fly populations. By reducing the amount of food available for flies, that population is kept in check, further reducing the spread of disease.
8. Vultures do not have a voice box to chirp or sing. Instead, they talk by making funny hissing, grunting, or chuffing sounds.
9. A group of resting vultures is called a committee or a wake, but when they are flying together in the sky, it is called a kettle.
10. Vultures fulfill a critical ecological niche that keeps the rest of the environment cleaner, healthier and free of toxic diseases for wildlife and people.

Now It's Your Turn!
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