

Vulture movements in the Caucasus

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An adult Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus* in Dariali Gorge (Kazbegi District, Georgia) in May 2004 and a juvenile Cinereous Vulture *Aegypius monachus* in Chachuna Sanctuary (Dedoplistskaro District, Georgia) in July 2004 were fitted with satellite-received radio-transmitters (PTTs) and their movements were tracked via the Argos satellite system (Figures 1 & 2).

To set the results into a regional and global

context, monthly updateable maps of the movements of the radio-marked vultures were put on the Internet (see: www.gccw.org). This research has been funded by CRDF/GRDF and is part of the collaborative programme that brings together the Georgian Center for the Conservation of Wildlife (GCCW, Tbilisi, Georgia), Natural Research, Ltd. (Perth, Scotland), and Hawk Mountain Sanctuary (PA, USA).

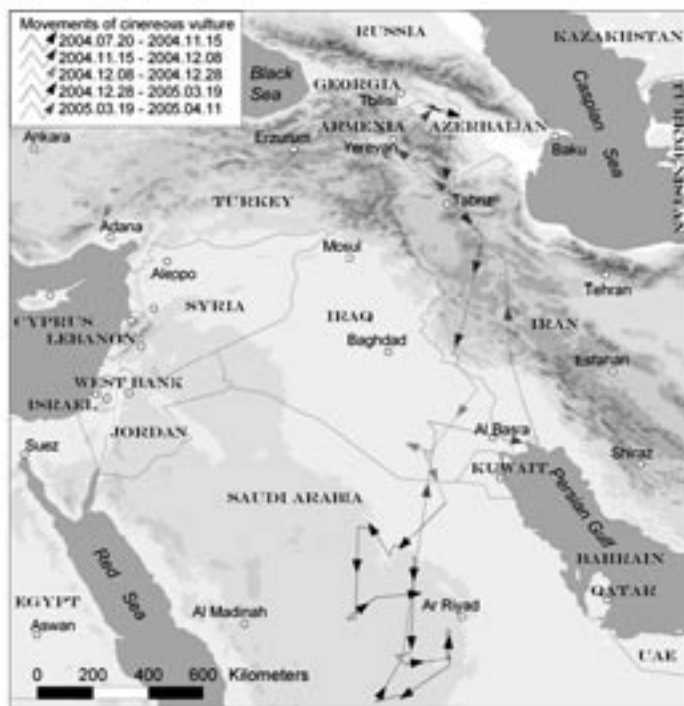


Figure 1. Movements of a Cinereous Vulture that was tagged with a satellite-received radio-transmitter at its nest in Chachuna Sanctuary (Georgia) shortly before it fledged.

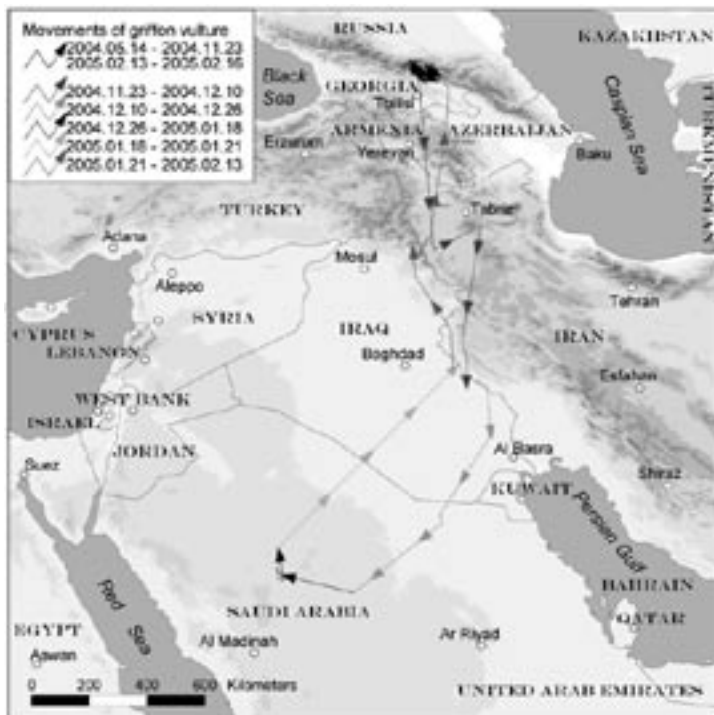


Figure 2. Movements of an adult Griffon Vulture that was caught and tagged with a satellite-received radio-transmitter a few kilometres from its nest in Kazbegi District (Georgia).

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