



Conservation without borders: European Vulture Conference takes flight in Cáceres

Cáceres, Extremadura, Spain – In just under a week, Cáceres will play host to a unique event, convening 400 delegates from over 45 countries, all united by a common mission: the conservation of vultures, these often-misunderstood but essential birds for maintaining healthy ecosystems. The European Vulture Conference 2023 transcends geographical boundaries to shape the future of vulture conservation and research, not only in Europe but across the world.

Hosted by the Vulture Conservation Foundation, this four-day conference will take place from the 14th to the 17th November at the historic Complejo Cultural San Francisco, generously provided by the Diputación de Cáceres. Spain, as Europe's vulture stronghold, provides the perfect setting for the European Vulture Conference. It will bring together vulture conservationists, researchers, and enthusiasts, fostering collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and insights into the latest developments in vulture conservation.

The conference presents a comprehensive scientific programme featuring 107 talks, 28 speed talks, and 61 posters, with contributions from four keynote speakers and over 100 vulture experts. These discussions will encompass various aspects of vulture biology, ecology, and conservation, addressing pressing issues such as poisoning threats, the impact of energy infrastructure, emerging diseases, and conservation efforts in the global south. Of particular significance is the focus on projects like "LIFE Aegyptius Return," which is the driving force behind the organization of the European Vulture Conference. Co-financed by the European Union's LIFE Programme, this project aims to expand and consolidate the Cinereous Vulture population in Portugal and Western Spain.

Beyond its scientific offerings, the event provides participants with the opportunity to explore the UNESCO World Heritage city of Cáceres through a cultural visit and to experience the vulture-rich region of Extremadura. Here, attendees will get the chance to observe Griffon and Cinereous Vultures, as well as other remarkable birdlife, thanks to the support of the Junta de Extremadura and the expertise of the Birding in Extremadura Club team.

The European Vulture Conference signifies a significant milestone in advancing vulture research and conservation. Drawing participants from all five vulture-inhabited continents, including countries such as India, South Africa, the USA, and Ecuador, this event underscores the global recognition of vultures' ecological importance, the urgency to secure their future, as well as the dedication of individuals working to protect them. As the conference unfolds, collaborative discussions and knowledge exchange are expected to foster greater insights and ignite strategic collaborations, shaping the way forward for vulture conservation worldwide.





ORGANISATION

The [Vulture Conservation Foundation](#) (VCF), the leading organisation dedicated to the protection, conservation and restoration of vulture species in Europe, is organising the European Vulture Conference 2023 in the framework of the [LIFE Aegyptius Return project](#). This project is co-funded by the [LIFE Programme](#) of the European Union, with the aim of consolidating and expanding the Black Vulture population in Portugal and western Spain. The [Junta de Extremadura](#), [Diputación de Cáceres](#) and [Birding in Extremadura](#) also provide important support to the European Vulture Conference 2023.

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