

With a wingspan that can stretch to almost ten feet long, the California condor is the largest flying bird found in America. The huge condor is mostly black with big white wing patches. It has no feathers on its head. It is a scavenger, which means it eats dead animals like deer. Unlike its close relative, the vulture, the California condor finds food by sight rather than by smell.

The California condor is also an endangered species. This means it is rare and needs help to survive. These birds became rare because the dead animals they feed on often contain lead, a kind of metal, which is deadly to birds. Today, there are only about 230 California condors left in the wild. Scientists are working hard to make sure these birds survive.

1. Which is NOT true about the California Condor?

- A It has white wing patches
- B It eats dead animals
- C It finds food by smell
- D It has no feathers on its head

2. Which of the following would a scavenger eat?

- A. A flying insect
- B. A running squirrel
- C. A dead rabbit
- D. A hiding bird

3. The California condor is rare. Which of the following is also rare?

- A. People
- B. Cats
- C. Diamond
- D. Soda

4. Why did the California condor become endangered?

- A. It is too big
- B. It has no feathers on its head
- C. Lead is a kind of metal
- D. Because they ate lead

5. Condors and vultures are close relatives. What does this mean?

- A. They are very similar
- B. They are very different
- C. They both fly
- D. They are both very rare