

Project Update: March 2016

We continue to monitor hooded vulture nests throughout the non-breeding season, and we have noticed the presence of various other species at hooded vulture nests, including Egyptian geese, a known usurper of other birds' nests. It will be interesting to monitor these nests into the breeding season, to see whether any hooded vultures' nests are taken over by other species. For now though, it seems that the closer we get to laying time, the more time the hooded vultures are spending at their nests. Sadly, poisoning of vultures continues, and we urge land owners who discover poisoning incidents to burn poisoned carcasses to prevent further animal deaths, and surviving birds should be taken to wildlife rehabilitation centres. We would also like to collect feathers from any dead vultures for genetic analysis. In June 2016 we will install 8 new camera traps, bought with funding from the Rufford Foundation, at vulture nests.



Adult Hooded Vulture on nest