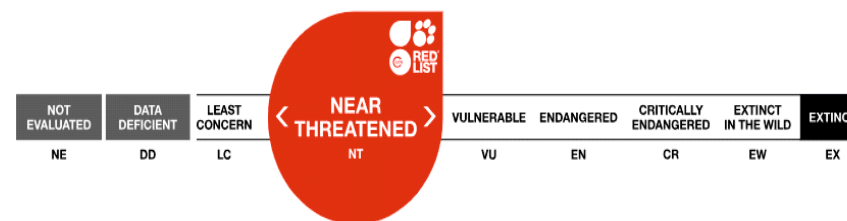


VULTURES IN MANIPUR

- Vultures are found across the world in all continents except Australia and Antarctica.
- Vulture is a patient bird. It is very hardy and have long life span.
- It can survive in a wide range of habitats.
- In Manipur, three species of vultures were recorded. They are:
 1. Himalayan Griffon (*Gyps himalayensis*)
 2. Oriental White Rumped Vulture or White Backed Vulture (*Gyps bengalensis*) and
 3. Red-headed Vulture (*Sarcogyps calvus*)
- Vultures are included in Appendix II of CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species).
- IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) has classified them as Critically Endangered.
- Vultures are disappearing from the state due to some probable reasons like:
 - ✓ Habitat loss,
 - ✓ Food shortage,
 - ✓ Hunting for their meat and feathers etc.
- Vultures are the best scavenger nature has created and a close friend of man and wildlife.
- We should love them and stop killing them.
- We should not allow them to be extinct.

HIMALAYAN GRIFFON



Scientific Name: *Gyps himalayensis*

Local Name: Lang-ja Ching-don ta

IUCN status: Near Threatened

Included in Schedule IV of the WPA, 1972.

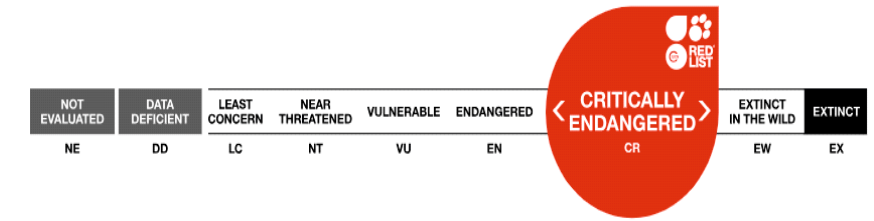
Identification:

- It is a large size vulture
- the ruff feathers are long and spiky
- overall pale body colour
- downy head
- pale bill
- the legs are covered with buffy feathers.

Distribution in Manipur: Imphal west, Thoubal, Ukhru and Churachandpur

- Recent report was from Ukhru and Churachandpur district in the year 2012 and 2013 respectively.

Oriental White Rumped / Indian white-backed vulture



Scientific Name: *Gyps bengalensis*

Local Name: Lang-ja nam-daang, Lang-ta, Lang-tia, Lang-kia etc.

IUCN status: Critically endangered

Included in Schedule I of the WPA, 1972.

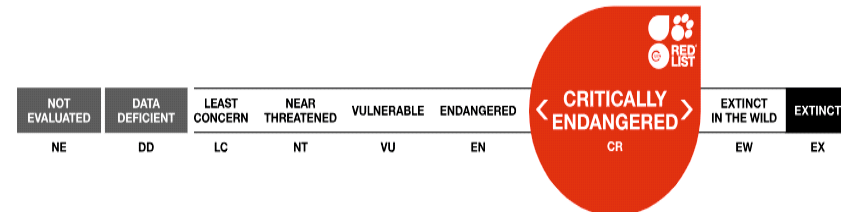
Identification:

- Medium-sized vulture with an unfeather head and neck
- black and white neck ruff
- prominent white rump
- dark bill with pale upper mandible

Distribution in Manipur: Bishnupur, Churachandpur, Imphal East, Imphal West, Jiribam, Tamenglong and Thoubal.

- Recent report was from Churachandpur district in the year 2013.

RED-HEADED VULTURE



Scientific Name: *Sarcogyps calvus*

Local Name: Lang-ja amu-bi or Lang-ja ngak-ngang-bi

IUCN status: Critically endangered

Included in Schedule I of the WPA, 1972.

Identification:

- it is a medium-sized vulture
- it has dark with heavy bill
- reddish head
- pale grey band at the base of the flight feathers
- dull whitish patch on lower back
- dark eyes denote female

Distribution in Manipur:

 Senapati

- Last reported from Senapati district in 1971.
- Mostly vultures are found in groups or flocks but Red headed vultures are seen solitary or in pair around carcasses.

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- Birds are sensitive to habitat change and also an important tool for ecologists measuring the health of environments.
- Birds play a vital role in keeping the balance of nature. Bird feeding on insects, carcasses etc. also plays important role in plant reproduction and a great cleaner of nature.
- There is a declining trend in the number of birds due to several reasons.
- There is a need for collective awareness about endangered birds found in Manipur and thier conservation.

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