

# AFRICAN CROWNED EAGLE

*Stephanoaetus coronatus*

Linnaeus, 1766



## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Aves

**Order:** Accipitriformes

**Family:** Accipitridae

No recognized subspecies



APPENDIX II

RARE



## NEAR THREATENED

**Identification:** Body length to 99 cm, wingspan of 180 cm and weight of 4.7 kg. Robust eagle with short wings and long tail. Back and wings grey-black, head brown with an erectile crest. Breast, belly and thighs mottled black and white. Large toes.

**Range:** From Senegal to East Kenya, south to Angola, DR Congo, Zambia, Zimbabwe, eastern and central South Africa.

**Habitat :** Forests, dense woodlands and mature plantation stands up to 3300 m.

**Behavior:** Lives in pairs but hunts mostly solitary, feeds mostly on monkeys and other mammals taken from trees. 2 eggs laid, nest located high in a big tree.

**Status in the wild:** The species is widespread and locally common. The main threats it faces are deforestation and overhunting of preys by humans (especially monkeys).

**In captivity:** The species is only known from 3 European zoos and is a little commoner in America. Apparently unknown from Asian zoos. Very rarely bred. In Europe, it has possibly been bred for the first time as late as 2010 in England.