

Project Update: August 2022

The first 100 pictures from the camera traps set at the feeding sites in the Ustyurt State Nature Reserve were obtained. The most interesting photos:



1. Bearded vulture *Gypaetus barbatus* - this is only the second observation of young, bearded vulture on the Ustyurt Plateau and the first record of this species at the feeding site in the history of observations in the Ustyurt Reserve (the first young, bearded vulture on this territory was noted in 2011. Most likely, these birds visit the territory of Kazakhstan's Ustyurt from Turkmenistan (Kopetdag), where there is a stable population of this species. The species is listed in the Red Book of Kazakhstan. Status in the IUCN Red List 3.1 - Near Threatened.



2. Egyptian vultures *Neophron percnopterus* fighting over prey. These birds are the most common species of scavenger birds on the territory of Ustyurt Reserve. According to past estimates, up to 8 pairs of this species may inhabit the area. The species is listed in the Red Book of Kazakhstan. Its status is IUCN Red List 3.1 - Endangered.



3. Caracal *Caracal caracal* occurs in the Mangistau region of Kazakhstan in the very north of its extensive range. Our observations of the past years confirmed the breeding of the caracal in the territory of Ustyurt Nature Reserve. The species is included in the Red Book of Kazakhstan. Status in the IUCN Red List 3.1 - Least Concern.