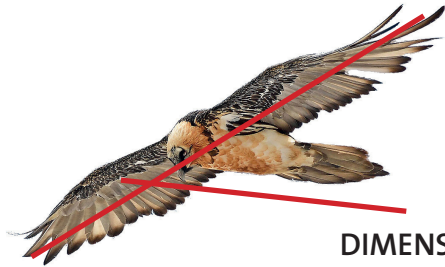




LAMMERGEIER

(*Gypaetus barbatus*)



DIMENSIONS:

wingspan up to 300 cm
length 110-115 cm
weight 5-7 kg



WHERE TO SEE THEM:

tree canopies
or in flight

The adult is characterized by contrasting plumage, with the ventral and head parts light-colored while the back and wings are dark

It feeds almost exclusively on bones, which it sometimes crushes and drops from considerable heights before swallowing them more easily



Also called Bearded Vulture, it is a very long-lived bird (25 years in the wild, 40 in captivity) and its reproductive cycle is complicated and long. The monogamous couple lays two eggs, which after a long incubation period hatch. The first-born will dominate the sibling (cainism), which will die within a few hours of hatching, leaving the couple to raise only one chick

It has recently returned to nest in the Alps, with a couple being spotted coming from Grigna (LC), and it is possible to see them flying over our mountains.

It nests on rocky walls and steep valleys and can mostly be observed gliding while searching for ungulate carcasses

