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Note to Parents:

Welcome! We hope your family enjoys this mini-unit. It was designed to go with the release of two California Condors. The Peregrine Fund and the Bureau of Land Management streamed the release on the Peregrine Fund YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3SpC3qZM3M>

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Review information about California Condors with your child. Links are provided below.

Print these factoid cards on paper or cardstock. Then have your child record what they have learned on the factoid cards. Cut the cards out along the dotted line. If writing is a challenge for your child, have them dictate their factoids to you or have them draw what they learned on the cards without lines.

Optional: Laminate, punch a single hole in the top left of each card, and store on a single binder ring.

Resources to Go With This Mini-Unit:

Activity Ideas

Condors have a wingspan range from 8.2 to 9.7 feet. Have your children put their arms out to their sides, and then measure from the fingertips of their left hand to the fingertips of their right hand. Next, measure 8.2 feet and 9.7 feet in an outside area. If you have string, lay string out along those measurements. Next, measure a piece of string that is the length of each child's "arm span". (Do a little quick math lesson to find the difference between the measurements.)

After reviewing the sites listed below, have your child complete factoid cards (Be sure to print more than copy.) Have your child share the factoids with other family members. Then play some guessing games:

- True/False: read the factoid either as is or alter it slightly, and other players have to say true or false.
- Fill in the blank: read the factoid but leave out a key piece of information, and the other players guess what piece of the factoid is missing. For example, California Condors lay (how many eggs) per season?

Hawkquest.com has a raptor coloring book with a California condor page, along with pages for a variety of other raptors. http://www.hawkquest.org/learning_center_kids.shtml

Informational Sites

Big Sur Live Condor Cams: https://www.ventanaws.org/condor_cam.html

Listen to a California Condor at Cornell's Allaboutbirds.org site:
https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/California_Condor/sounds

View the Macauley library of condor images at the Cornell School of Ornithology: <https://bit.ly/33WCqew>

Condor facts from the San Diego Zoo: <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/california-condor>

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